



Fern Hill PSA

Autumn Term Newsletter



As we look forward to the Christmas holidays, we want to thank Fern Hill parents for their support for the PSA throughout this term and to give you an update on our events and how much money we've raised so far.

Our autumn term events and fundraising update

It's been a packed calendar of PSA events during this term, ranging from the major ones such as Fireworks Night and our brand-new Christmas events, the Family Present Stall and the KS2 Festive Disco, through to the Dads' Breakfast and our second-hand uniform sale.

We raised £2,653 from our Christmas events, including the income from the Curchods boards and the Christmas tree sales. We're delighted by this fantastic amount and would like to say a big thank you to everyone involved. We're especially proud to have put on two completely new events for Christmas and have been delighted by the positive feedback we've received from parents and children to the Family Present Stall and the Festive Discos.

- Our brand-new Christmas events raised £2,653
- Fireworks Night raised £1,237
- The Dads' Breakfast raised £124
- Our cake sale in support of BBC Children In Need raised £409
- The Macmillan coffee morning raised £1,039
- Our second-hand uniform sale raised £340

This means that during this term, we have raised a wonderful total of over £4,350!

In addition to the amount raised from PSA events, the year group cake sales have been a wonderful success, raising over £1,500 in the autumn term.

A huge thank you must go to all the parents, children and staff who've helped make these events such a great success. None of our events would be possible without the time and effort of so many people. Thank you to everyone who has been involved with the PSA this term – and thank you as well to all the Fern Hill families who come along to our events and support our fundraising.

What has the money been spent on?

- We've funded the new lunchtime play equipment for the children, worth over £800, and also the new outdoor furniture, worth over £750. In addition, over £4,000 of PSA funds has also been used to meet the cost of purchasing and installing new outdoor safety surfacing.
- Mr Scott and the rest of the school's senior leadership team have a number of further projects under consideration. These include a revamp of the KS1 library and additional improvements to the playgrounds. The PSA has already committed to funding a defibrillator for main school reception. We'll be able to provide you with a full update once we're back in the Spring Term.

Upcoming Events

There are lots more exciting PSA events to look forward to in the Spring Term. KS2 children will be able to enjoy their own Cinema Night on January 24th and then there'll be more fun with our Bounce For Books event on March 6th for the entire school. And it's not only the children who get to enjoy themselves ... our hugely popular Quiz Night will return on February 7th and Fern Hill mums will get the chance to enjoy their own Mother's Day Breakfast at school on March 20th.

If you and your children enjoy these events, then the PSA needs your help to continue

We love running all our fantastic events during the year and it's great to see how much the children enjoy them. **BUT** all parents should be aware that it is, at the moment, a relatively small group of parents who give up their time to help organise PSA events and those parents cannot continue to shoulder the entire burden. We will only be able to run all our future events if more parents are able to get involved in the organisation.

No one person need run an entire event on their own, you can team up with other parents to make life easier. Please don't wait and assume lots of other people will step forward – if you're able to help then do speak up! We really value all your support and hope that we can rely on more parents to ensure all our events are able to take place.

PSA meeting

Our next PSA meeting will be on **Thursday 16th January** at 7.30pm in the Small Hall at school. All parents are welcome to attend. Please do come along as it's a great way to find out more about our events and get involved.

Merry Christmas from the PSA!

