



Dormansland PTA Newsletter

Another year underway!

We're now well into the Autumn term... so much so we're giving ourselves permission to mention the 'C' word!

Many of you know all about our PTA, but if you're working parents and don't get to see our playground antics much, you may not feel as in touch. And if you are a first time reception Mum... then well done for getting this far!

So, what's this PTA lark all about? And why do we do it?

Described as putting the cherry on top of Dormansland school, we'd like to go a step further and say we're a bit of the icing, too! We believe in togetherness, community and above all else the future of our primary school. Bringing up kids can be tough, but here in Dormansland there's a genuine belief that it takes a village to bring up a child. That means being a part of the community, having fun together and giving our time; in essence this is what your PTA believes in.

In a time where 'austerity' is a mantra that drops off every politician's tongue, it's ever more important we support our school. Mrs Stokes and her team run a very tight ship – in fact she has stretched her school budget to levels that would wow any Olympic Gymnast – but 'belt tightening' remains the order of the day.

This year, the school has asked the PTA to help find money for the following items, so they can continue to be the school we are so proud to be a part of.

- Library computer subscriptions
- Class trip subsidies to ensure the future of these trips
- Repairs to the play boat in the playground
- Thesauruses for KS2
- A new play equipment storage unit, as the existing one has perished
- New play equipment for the children
- Tricycles for reception and year 1

WHAT HAVE THE PTA BEEN UP TO LATELY?

The school year kicked off early with Personalised Christmas cards, a Movie Night, a second-hand book sale, our first ever Race Night and a reception class cake sale, which saw an awesome effort on the cakes – thank you so much!

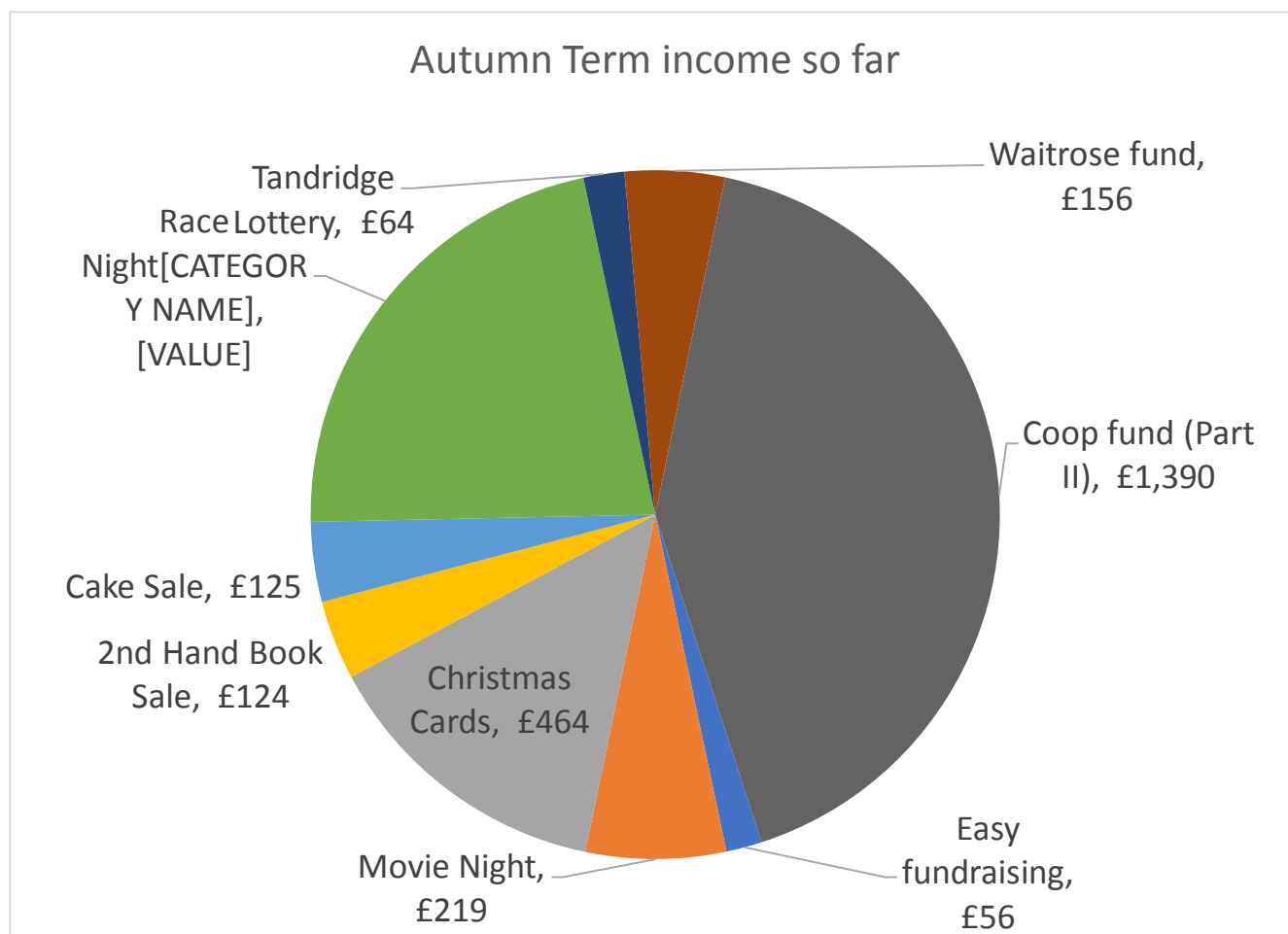
We also have the superb efforts of Jane Sarluis organising the revamp of the children's loos, which is well under way thanks to the amazing generosity of Paul Dean, who has provided and changed all of the locks, and Colin Dymond and Tim Van Zanten who have generously offered help with other bathroom supplies and labour. Thank you guys!

We have also gained a fridge freezer to store ice lollies for the summer term – generously donated by the Van Zantens and delivered by Sarah Daw!

Thank you to each and every person who has also supported the PTA by coming along to our events.

SO, WHAT'S BEEN RAISED AND WHAT'S BEEN SPENT?

INCOME: So far this term, with your help we've raised approximately £3,330:



OUTGOINGS FORECAST FOR THIS YEAR:

	Cost:
1. School Trip Subsidy - Funded £10 per child towards class trips. We do this each year, providing we have funds	£2,130
2. Computer System (annual fee)	£700
3. Three new interactive white boards (grant+PTA top-up)	£4,000
4. New Boat Play Area for the playground	£5,500
5. Forest School (to December 2018)	£1,500
6. New outside play storage unit and new equipment	£600
7. New Tricycles for Reception and Year 1	£545

TOTAL: £14,975

The money we raise also allows us to hold all PTA events as we need rolling funds to cover up front expenses.

The PTA also apply for grants from Dormansland Parish council and Tandridge District Council each year.

If you know of any other grants we might apply for, do let us know.

SO... WHAT NEXT?

The trim trail has been reopened for now but does need significant work and money spent on it, which will come to well in excess of £20k. The school is considering all options at present.

We'd love to hear what you think Dormansland's PTA should be raising money for. Perhaps something you feel your child's classroom would benefit from some new equipment, or there's a specific area you would like to raise funds for?

And if you have an idea for an event or a fundraiser of some sort, let's make it happen.

Jane only came up with the idea of revamping the infants' toilets at the start of this year and it's already well underway. What changes would you like to work together to make?

Next PTA Meeting will be on 6th December 2018 7:30pm at The Old House at Home Pub on The Platt in Dormansland. We would love to see as many of you as possible.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Easyfundraising:

With Christmas fast approaching, remember to use #easyfundraising when you're buying gifts online.

We want to raise as much as possible this year and #easyfundraising a simple way to contribute to the school, with very minimal effort!

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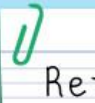
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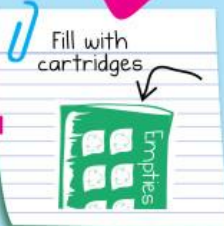
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UPCOMING EVENTS:

Still to come this term, we have:

30th November – Mufti Day

Please bring a bottle as a donation, instead of £1 and if you can possibly spare some time to bake a cake for the tea and cake stall at the Christmas fair, that would be amazing!

1st December – Christmas Fair 12-3pm

Word on the street it will be the best one in town!

13th December – Bags2School

Need to make space for Christmas so that Great Aunt Mildred doesn't get lost in the tsunami of old clothes Fred grew out of months ago?! Bring them to school and Bags2School will take them off your hands, and give us a donation to boot.

Bags will be handed out shortly. Please bring any donations to the Clinton Hill entrance and leave under the covered area from 10th December. The lorry often collects very early, so please get in early – donations that arrive on Thursday 13th may be too late.

Spoiler Alert....

Spring Term will see us hosting a Pamper party, Easter fun activities, more bake sales, movie nights and... a first for Dormansland... **THE CIRCUS!!!! 5th May 2019**



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