



The Leys Primary and Nursery School

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to our Spring Newsletter – we thought it would be good to outline what we are planning for the coming year and how you can get involved in the The Leys Parents Association – happy reading!

AGM

Thank you to everyone that attended the FOL AGM on Tuesday 5th February – we enjoyed hearing about all the great fundraising and events delivered in the last year.

We were happy to learn that we raised a total £557! So thank you again!

We also voted in the 5 elected roles on the committee. We are pleased to announce that for the current academic year, the roles are to be undertaken by the following parents:

Chair – Deb Oakley

Vice Chair – Davinder Khangura (Deputy Headteacher)

Secretary – Shauneen Taylor

Treasurer – AnnMarie Fonseca

If you would like to contact anyone on the committee please feel free to contact the school office or email friends@leys.herts.sch.uk

Next FOL Meeting

The next FOL meeting will be held on **Tuesday 5th March from 3.30 to 4.30pm.**

If you are interested in attending or would like to know more about the FOL, please do come along – we cannot run events without the ongoing support of parents so your involvement is vital to us!

As usual we will run a free creche at school for our pupil, enabling you to attend.

2019 Events

Looking forwards, we are now planning lots of exciting events for the children and families. Please save the following key dates in 2019:

- **Friday 15th February-** Non uniform Day £1
- **Friday 29th March Easter Disco**
- **Monday 25th March to Friday 29th March-** Mother's Day gift sale
- **Friday 5th April - Non Uniform Day- Easter theme/competition.**
- **Wednesday 24th April to 10th May** – Bags2School – bring your unwanted clothes, sheets, towels etc and raise funds for the school.
- **Friday 24th May - Non Uniform Day- Summer Fair donation/ Tombola**
- **Monday 10th June to Friday 14th June-** Father's Day gift sale
- **Friday 21st June- Summer Fair (3.15pm to 5.30pm)**
- **Tuesday 23rd July- Non Uniform Day (no donation)**

We will need lots of help both pre-event and on the day itself so if you are able to give a few hours of your time please do get in touch.

Your help required

We are always thinking of new ways to raise our profile, raise funds and create fantastic events for our children. To this end we would like to ask if any of you can help us in the following ways:

Match Funding – if you work for an organisation that operates a match funding scheme, please do let us know. This scheme allows companies (often larger organisations like banks, retailers, insurance) to support PTAs through a charitable donation by financially matching what is raised at events. We will send out a more detailed communication about this later in the year but please do ask your employer if they have this scheme as it is a very easy way for us to double funds raised!

Music – if you have a budding musician or other performer (dance, gymnastics, baton twirling etc!) please let us know as we need this kind of entertainment from time-to-time at events. We also love to have group performances at the Summer Fair so please ask

the dance/gym etc teacher to contact us). If you have experience or equipment for discos, sound, microphones etc please let us know.

Raffle prizes – we need great prizes for our raffles at the Summer Fair plus sometimes at other events. If you are able to donate any prizes we are always very grateful. This can be gift items, vouchers, food, drink, toys etc.

Online shopping -We need your help! If you shop online, please could you sign up to easyfundraising to support The Leys Primary School Stevenage?

It's a really easy way to raise money for us – you just use the easyfundraising site to shop online with more than 3,500 well known online stores like Amazon, Argos, John Lewis, ASOS, Booking.com, eBay, Boden, and M&S and when you make a purchase, the retailer sends us a free donation, at no extra cost to you.

We want to raise as much as possible, so please visit our new easyfundraising page at <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/theleyspsstevenage/> and click 'support us'.

Get Involved

As you have probably guessed, it takes a lot to run the FOL. We are a group of parents and staff that give up our time to organise great fundraising activities for the benefit of the school. However we cannot run any of these events without the input and ongoing help from new members – if you are able to commit a few hours every term to get involved, we would be really appreciative so please do come to the next meeting or email us to let us know how you can help.

We look forward to another successful year!

All the best

Friends of The Leys

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