



# Parents Association Of Lawnside Academy NEWSLETTER – 02/19

First of all a big hello to all the parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, brothers, sisters, friends and carers who have helped support PALS since September. We really appreciate the time and effort you have all taken to support the children in raising money for Lawnside Academy. It seems that Christmas is already a distant memory and we are hurtling towards Easter at a fair old pace so we thought it would be timely to give you a heads up for what we have planned for the rest of this school year and give you an update on what money we have raised so far.

## CHRISTMAS CARDS

This year the majority of Christmas Card orders were done online which really took some of the pressure off of PALS. We raised in total, from online and in school orders, £198.90.

## CHRISTMAS FAIR



Wow, what can I say about the Christmas Fair! The whole event was pulled together in little under 4 weeks from start to finish and it turned out even better than we had expected. We had so much positive feedback from the day itself with people loving the layout of the stalls as well as the variety and the pricing of individual stalls. The refreshments stand was also praised for allowing people to take a breather. A big thank-you to Hannah and her ladies in the kitchen for allowing us to use her facilities and helping us on the day. By far the most compliments on the day itself came about the Grotto. We were so lucky to have had the amazing elves and Santa with us on the day, so many people expressed how beautiful the grotto itself was and how amazing Santa was. As a

bonus we managed to raise the amazing sum of £1033 along the way which was quite a feat considering we had had to start from scratch on everything.

We did have a few ideas regarding the giving of separate presents forwarded on to us from staff and will take these into consideration when planning for this year.

## **FUTURE EVENTS**

### **'Mothers Day' Sales**

We will be holding this years 'Mothers Day' sales in school on the following days;

KS2 (years 3&4) Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March 1pm

KS1 & EY (reception and years 1&2) Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March @1pm

Presents will be on sale at this time for the children to come and choose along with their class teachers. We would ask that any money be bought in on the day in a 'named' envelope or purse. Further details of this event will be sent out shortly

### **Film Nights**

We have previously held film nights after school where KS1 or KS2 will be able to sit together and enjoy a snack and a drink while watching a film together. Unfortunately this had to be postponed last summer term. We are now in a position to be able to offer this night again and have tentatively booked the following dates

KS1 Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March 3.30-5.15

KS2 Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 3.30-5.15

However, in order to ensure the safety of the children we are only able to offer this night on the proviso that **NO** cars will be allowed up to Lawnside upon time of collection. We appreciate it may be cooler and darker at this time of night but the children's safety is paramount. Should anyone decide to flaunt this proviso then we shall have no option but to cancel all film nights in the foreseeable future.

### **Carnival**

Carnival will take place this year on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June and we have made the decision to have a float this year. The theme this year is 'colour association' and we are looking at several ideas but of course we will need volunteers to help out both beforehand with decorating and building and on the day itself. We will only be able to offer places to children on the float if a parent is able to accompany them. If you would be interested please contact us asap for further information.

### **Quiz Night**

We are looking into holding possibly a couple of quiz nights in the foreseeable future, when we know more we will send out all the info.

### **Summer Fayre**

A date has yet to be set for this years' Summer Fayre. We are taking it slowly since we haven't been able to hold this event for a couple of years now but are hoping that we will be able to hold a 'Birthday Party in the Park' type event seeing as this is the 60<sup>th</sup> year of Lawnside and the 1<sup>st</sup> of the Academy. Watch this space for further information.

## **OTHER NEWS**

Having consulted with the teachers over what is needed within the school right now 'school trips' came out as a top consideration. The price of transport for these trips has risen astronomically over the past couple of years, a trip that would have cost £13 would rise to £26 with transport added, and as such the teachers are reluctant to have to pass on the charge to parents. We have therefore decided, since we have a substantial amount available, to contribute towards the transport costs for all years in the hope that more 'learning outside the classroom' events can take place.

Our next full PALS meeting will take place on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April at 7pm. Everyone is welcome. If you wish to contact us please email us at [Pals@lawnsidelower.co.uk](mailto:Pals@lawnsidelower.co.uk)

Kind regards - Karen, Lucy and Jeni