

Friends of Cragside Newsletter May 2023



HELLO FROM THE PTFA

Since forming in March this year, the Friends of Cragside PTFA have been busy bees! We are working behind the scenes to become a registered charity and planning some fun events!

Our goal is to build community spirit, raise funds for the school, and provide a platform for parents, carers, teachers, and our community friends to work together for the children's benefit.

Our main focus is to further develop the amazing outdoor spaces we have at our school and that is what we are fundraising for.

We are absolutely thrilled and grateful for the incredible support we have received, and it's been truly heart-warming to see the enthusiastic buzz surrounding the school!

WHAT WE HAVE BEEN UP TO SO FAR

We had our wonderful logo designed by combining two logos drawn by our talented children. Well done and thank you Isobel and Jesse! We hope you and the runners up enjoyed the prizes we sent home in appreciation of your efforts.

The Express yourself non-uniform day in March was great fun! Lovely seeing the outfits that the children wore to school. We raised £200



We were blown away by the turnout at the Easter craft event we held at the church. We raised £269.98. Special thanks to Mrs Cant for helping out !

We loved seeing how popular Sweet treat Friday was! It was a total sell out and we raised £71.72

We are learning from these events and thank you for waiting patiently while we tried our best to serve everyone in turn on Friday. We hope the little ones towards the end of the queue that missed out weren't too disappointed. We had catered for alternatives, but they sold out quickly too!



WHAT'S NEXT

Discos:

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will be on Wednesday 24th May 3:30 till 5pm

Years 3,4,5,6 will be on Wednesday 14th June 3:30 till 5pm

More pop up sweet treat and ice lolly Fridays. The next one will be Friday 26th May.

Summer Fair - 12th of July 2 - 4pm.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

Join us on our closed Facebook group -Friends of Cragside C of E Primary School and invite all of the other parents / carers you know that aren't already in the group.

We also have an open page - Cragside PTA that we intend to use to share events that the wider community can join in with.

We will need some help on the night of the discos. We'd be grateful for volunteers for an hour or more if you can spare the time.

Summer fair - We will be asking for donations in the coming months and will send details separately but will also need volunteers to help with a stand for a half an hour or more on the day.

We wonder if you have a company or work for one who may be able to make a donation of a prize for our summer fair too ? All donations gratefully received.

Do you have any fancy dress or mascot outfits and can make an appearance at the fair ? Or know someone that can ?

Murals - Are you artistic ? We are looking to have some murals painted around the school and on the garden fence on the field. Can you help or know someone that can ?

Gardening - we are looking to develop the fenced off garden on the field. Are you able to lend a hand to tidy it up so that it can be used this summer while we explore the option to transform this area. We will post details of volunteering days so keep an eye out for these.

Finally,

We are sensitive to the cost of living crisis and appreciate the soaring costs everyone is facing so when we put on an event, if you would like your little ones to take part but don't have the resources. Please speak to the school office in confidence who can liaise with us to make sure the little ones are included. This will be completely discreet and confidential and the school office won't let us know who's made the request just what you need.

Thank you for your continued support and feel free to get in touch with us to volunteer or discuss anything:
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Your PTFA Committee:
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