



### Spring Newsletter

Welcome back, hope you had a fantastic half term. We just thought we'd send this newsletter now to update you on what we have been doing since the autumn.

So far this school year we have bought some hi-viz vests with the school logo for the school to use on trips; equipment for the parents room including a CD player, musical instruments, children's cups, flasks and stationary; and a camera for Y1. We are of course raising money for new library furniture which has now been designed by Mrs Preston and work is underway to start this project.

In order for us to purchase items for the school we have to fundraise and a **BIG THANK YOU** to all who have helped so far.

Various fund raising activities took place in the run up to Christmas including the sale of Northbrook wrapping paper which raised £107.56 (Jen - will you do it again next year!); coffee morning and parents evening's delicious cakes raised £78.73 (thanks to the Prayer Group) and Auntie Val's Avon commission donated £30.00.

The children had great fun decorating (as did Sian designing) a snow scene for their Christmas cards sales of which raised £128.65. They also had fun drawing a self portrait which was printed on canvas bags and tea towels sales of which raised £230.62 (thanks to Karen and Nik).

We also had a Christmas disco and thanks again to DJ Gary for stepping in at the last minute (Kate you need to learn some more dance moves!). It was great fun for all and raised £178.48.



Many of you will have been aware of the frantic organisation of the Julefest so thanks to all those involved in organising it, especially our Scandi families. It certainly looked very festive. The food was delicious and the hot dogs went down well as did the glogg. The kids certainly loved the children's activities which included a fishing game, biscuit decorating and elf making. The kids enjoyed dancing round the Christmas tree with special guest Father Christmas.

It was an amazing success and raised a final total of £1071.71!!



We also received £198.67 commission from the sale of the school uniform so thanks to all the kids who grew out of it and made you buy some more! Don't forget to donate your good quality second hand uniform to the parents room box and feel free to purchase this with a suggested donated of £1 per item to the school office.

#### **Dates for your diary -**

Family Picnic - 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2010

Summer Jazz Party - 19<sup>th</sup> June 2010

Summary Fair with Psalter Lane Church - 10<sup>th</sup> July 2010



Post Christmas our first event of the New Year was the Rumble in the Jumble jumble sale. We really did have those unwanted Christmas presents (no names will be mentioned!). We had an unbelievable amount of jumble donated so thanks for that. It was extremely well organised and hopefully we have persuaded Mia to do it again next year! We had customers queuing outside for 2 hours before it opened. It was hard work and some very interesting finds especially the u-bend. How many televisions were sold!



Also these fabulous big pants last seen leaving the building with Miss Foxley or was it Miss James! We raised a fantastic £609.76, not forgetting the two stamps, 2 cents and an old style 10p!



Finally we had a valentine disco – did you dare to wear red? Again thanks to our now resident DJ Gary for mixing the tunes. Hot dogs were a huge hit. This raised £186.56!!!

A very enjoyable social evening took place at The Stag in the week before half term for parents only! A good turn out including 3 dads, but our chairman still remains infamous!

Our next big fundraiser will be the May Ball. This is being run in conjunction with Ecclesall Junior and Ecclesall Infant School. They have had a ball for the last couple of years and this is the first year Clifford have been involved. This is a big achievement to be recognised as part of this group of schools so please come along and support the event. This black tie event is being held at Baldwins Omega on Friday the 7<sup>th</sup> May 2010 7.45 pm for 8.00 pm which includes a 5 course meal, bucks fizz and dancing till 1.00 am. It costs £37.50 and there will be fund raising during the evening. It was a great evening last year – look forward to seeing you all on the dance floor! Tickets are selling out fast and if you want to secure your place please buy your tickets from the school office.

Now we are a registered charity we are also looking into regular giving and charity grants so look out for a letter in your book bag. If anyone works at a bank or company that does a charity matching scheme for fundraising then please get in touch.

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All parents are members of the Parents Association and we are always looking for new ideas for fundraising, social events and ideas to spend the funds on. If you want to be a part of it just come along.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday the 10<sup>th</sup> March at 16 Grange Road at 8.00 pm. If you want to come along please do or if you have any ideas please speak to one of us in the playground, email them to [cpa@clifford.sheffield.sch.uk](mailto:cpa@clifford.sheffield.sch.uk) or pass on to our infamous chairman if you can catch him!

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