



**Hello and welcome** to this term's Parents & Friends Newsletter. A great big warm welcome to the new parents who have joined the school this year - we wish you all many happy years at Whaley Bridge Primary School.

We have had a good year with lots of great activities and some impressive fundraising. Total fundraising for 2017/2018 was a whopping £8,561 AMAZING!!!!

A big thanks to everyone who has helped make all this happen over the year..... We are lucky to have plenty of regular volunteers who bake, make toast, and help at school fairs and discos.

**But most importantly, thank you for coming and enjoying these events!**

**Parent & Friends of WBPS** are a fundraising vessel for the school. We organise many regular events throughout the year including school discos, Xmas and Summer Fairs, cakes or toast every Friday, Xmas cards, Xmas Trees, Quiz night.....

We meet several times a year (usually in the pub) and in conjunction with Mrs Walton and the teaching staff, plan how to best use the funds raised.

**This is what Parent & Friends paid for last year:** SATs breakfasts, School trips subsidy, KS2 Study Books, KS1 Xmas books, Year 6 leavers event, Sports Day refreshments, and the two big projects of the year were the traversing wall and mural for the playground....and a brand-new shiny school stage for the hall which is in constant use!

**Old £1 coins**

Do you have any old £1 coins lurking about? Don't know what to do with them?.....donate them to Parent & Friends! Collection box available at the office.

**50/50 Club**

The more people we have signed up to the 50/50 Club the better the prize pot will be! It costs just £1 a month with half of the proceeds going to one lucky monthly winner and the other half going to the Parent & Friends for the benefit of all the children at the school.

This is just some of money YOU helped to raise last year

£152

£64

£132

£1206

£527

£2074

£140

And so, so much more!!!

## Traversing Wall

Have you seen our amazing new mural yet? (It's hiding around the corner, on the wall of the ER building). It was beautifully painted over the summer by Rob Wilson and Lyndsey Selley, two very accomplished Whaley bridge artists (Rob is one of our parents too!).



A huge thank you to Tesco Bags of Help scheme - and also to you all for voting for us!! The £4000 meant we could install this wonderful addition to the playground.

Both Rob and Lyndsey donated their time over the summer to make this possible. So, a big thank you to them for their support and also to the other parents who helped put up/down scaffolding! An official thank-you and 'grand opening' will be happening on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> Oct as Rob, Lyndsey, Tesco and the Buxton Advertiser will be coming along. And even more good news is that we have some money left over, so we will be buying new colourful picnic tables too!

### Upcoming Parents & Friends Events:

- Halloween Disco Wednesday 24th October
- Bags2School Collection Wednesday 7th November
- Xmas Fair Friday 23rd November

### Ways you can help Parents & Friends:

- Sign up to **Easyfundraising** (info sent home in book bags)
- Follow our Facebook page so you stay updated.
- Event volunteers - we will soon be looking for volunteers for the upcoming disco and Xmas Fair. Keep an eye out for our requests.
- Come along to our meetings - share ideas, have your say! If you are unable to attend, then you can always have a word with one of the committee members in the playground or send us a message.