

FRIENDS of:

Littledean C of E Primary School & Pre-School



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13th November 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

Apologies this letter has taken so long to come out but we were waiting to gauge the situation regarding Covid-19; as meetings cannot be held face to face it's been a waiting game to see what direction the Friends Committee can take this year. As things do not look like they will change anytime soon, we thought it was best that we try to look forward and adapt as best we can.

First, welcome back to everyone after what has been an extremely challenging year for all. The events of this year have meant that as a committee we have been unable to support the school in our usual way and after such a success with the Christmas Fayre last year this was a real disappointment.

We haven't been able to do the Easter raffle we had planned or our annual Summer Fayre, which has been sad not only for us as a committee, but for the children as well who do enjoy these events. However, now is not the time to dwell on what could have been and focus on what we can do now going forward.

We do have a few socially distanced fundraising activities which you can join in and help to raise much needed funds for the School. This year the School has asked that we help to purchase some iPad's.

Easyfundraising

Remember over 4,000 shops and sites will donate to The Friends of Littledean for FREE every time you use easyfundraising to shop with them. This means you can support the school when you get your groceries, book a holiday or day out, order a takeaway, renew your insurance policies or buy anything else – at no extra cost to yourself! If you haven't signed up yet, it's easy and completely FREE.

You sign up via www.easyfundraisng.org.uk and search for "The Friends of Littledean" and opt to support us. There is also an app you can download. Once signed up and you are ready to do your online shopping you go via the app or website and select the company you want to shop with, (there's around 4000 to choose from) shop as normal and then the Friends get a donation at no extra cost to yourselves. So far we have raised £352.53 in just under 2 years via easyfundraising.

Forest Lottery

You sign up via www.forestlottery.co.uk select a cause to support we are 'Friends of Littledean C of E School'

You can then select how many tickets you would like per week and you pay monthly for them by direct debit. It's £1 per ticket with 50% going to the Friends and 10% going to other causes in the Forest of Dean. You could win up to £25K!!

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So far we have had 21 winners of 3 extra tickets the following week and 4 cash winners! With the tickets we are selling so far we are set to raise £702 per year. And that's with only 14 people supporting it.

If anyone has any suggestions for further socially distanced fundraising ideas please come forward and speak to one of us. Obviously, chatting in the playground is not an option right now but feel free to speak to Emma Tattersall, contactable on etattersall@littledean.gloucs.sch.uk or Marie Williams or Nikki Wakefield if you would like to get involved or have any suggestions how we can fundraise in these times.

As a Friends Committee we also have a Facebook page, this group is for information about fundraising events organised by us. Search for 'Friends of Littledean School'.

It is important that we remain positive and keep thinking of ideas to support the school, so any suggestions are greatly appreciated.

Please take care of yourselves and we look forward to updating you soon with some new ideas.

Many Thanks
The Friends Committee

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