



GIPA Newsletter

Autumn/Winter 2021



School starts!

We hope you all had a wonderful Summer holiday and are now ready to start the academic year! Welcome to those of you that are new to the school!

We want to keep you up to date with the fundraising that has been done to date and what the money is being spent on. Over the last 2 years we have been focused on raising money for the new school library. We achieved this ahead of schedule and have already begun fundraising for a new pirate ship for the playground. Please come and see the new library! It is absolutely wonderful!

A huge THANK YOU to everyone who helped make last year such an incredible fundraising year! We're delighted to say that we raised over £10,000.00!

Our hope for the coming year is to complete the monies needed for the new pirate ship!!!

We Need YOU!!

We could not do any of our fundraising without you! Please can we ask for donations of the following as we prepare for a term of fun!

- Unwanted gifts (men's in particular), such as toiletries.
- Treat size packets of sweets/lollies
- Raffle prizes

Additionally, if anyone works with a company that looks at 'matching donations' for charities we would love to hear from you!

Smarties Challenge!

It's back!!!!

Look out for the Smarties treats coming your way, packed with instructions to help us kick start this year's fundraising!

NOTE: we will be providing appropriate alternatives for any child who is unable to have Smarties chocolate



Autumn Trail

Our Autumn and Christmas trails were so popular last year that we are reinventing them this year!

We are looking at rubbings for the children to do as they work their way around the trail... with treats in the trail bags to keep them (& you) going!

We will be selling trail bags with a map, activity sheet and treats/gifts the week before half term (week commencing 18th October) on the playground for £3.

Look out for our posters to get the children excited!

Christmas!

We are looking into how best to plan for Christmas. At present we are planning a new and improved Christmas week, with some new activities and some old favourites! We are in discussions with Father Christmas to see if he can visit the children in school during Christmas week and treat them to some early gifts. We know how much the children enjoyed seeing him as a class!

Look out for our posters with information on how and when we celebrate the Christmas build up!

We are hoping to get the Christmas cards done early this year and ready for you to send to family and friends for the start of December.



Happy Bags!

HAVING A CLEAR OUT?

Happy bags are booked to collect on **15th November**. We will send out a list of what you can put in the bags for them to collect in the coming weeks. They pay GIPA for each bag they collect and it is a fantastic way to have a clear out and help raise money.

Watch this space!

Family film nights are back!

We're back! Family film nights are a wonderful activity for the whole family!

On these evenings, the children (& siblings) come back to school in their pyjamas, with a cuddly and pillow and sit down with pizza/popcorn/treats and watch a film on the big screen, in the school hall. We provide the film, the pizza and the treats and even some tea/coffee and biscuits for the adults!

It is so much fun... I'm smiling as I write about it! Come along and see what it's all about!

We will sell tickets and share which film we are showing the week before the following dates:

12th November & 3rd December... we may add some more dates!



We hope that you found the newsletter helpful and informative. If you have any ideas or suggestions we would love to hear them – and don't forget to join the GIPA page on Facebook.

Alternatively, please feel free to chat to any of the committee members in the playground or contact us on the GIPA email below.

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