

Dear Parents, Carers and Teachers

Firstly a big thank you for your continued support. We have raised over £3000 this year already.

So far we have pledged to provide £500 to kit out every classroom with basic science equipment, to help our children better investigate the world around them, and £550 to buy three tepee tents for use in outdoor week. These are incredibly easy to erect so will allow more opportunities for outdoor learning to take place throughout the year.



The majority of the money raised has been allocated to help to develop our new outdoor space and the school is investigating the best way to spend it. Owing to the high cost of outdoor equipment the school has requested that this continues to be our main fundraising focus over the next year.

What next?





We have an exciting half term ahead with 'Frozen Friday' ice cream sales, outdoor events, sports day, a summer disco and the Community Summer Fair with Heslington Church & Heslington Preschool. We will be needing **lots** of volunteers to help organise and run these events so do keep an eye open for posters and emails asking for help and please do sign up for a slot – **"many hands make light work!"**

Ways you can help

We will be needing people to man stalls at all events, bake cakes and prepare food, do shopping, cook BBQ, put up gazebos, move equipment, talk to new starters – so wherever your talents lie **we need you!**



Upcoming events:

Date	Event	What we will need
25/27/28 th June	Early years new starters coffee morning 9.30-10.30am	People to talk to new parents about the school. Donations of age 3-6 years school uniform.
Thursday 28 th June	Disco EY and KS1 5:00-5.45 pm KS2 6:00-7:00 pm	People to buy refreshments, man the door and sell refreshments, clear up at the end.
Friday 6 th July	Sports afternoon at York University 	People to help move equipment and refreshments from school to university, people to man stalls during event, people to help tidy up at the end.
Saturday 7 th July	Community Summer Fair 2 – 5pm 	People to set up and take down gazebos. People to donate unwanted (good quality) children's books, toys & clothes and bake cakes. People to help sell the toys and cakes. People to run a BBQ.
Thursday 19 th July	End of year tea party 	People to make cakes and come along and drink tea.
Next year	Bring and eat  Community Meal	People to make a dish that means something to them and bring it along to share with others from our school community. We are hoping this will be a truly international event that reflects our whole community.

Please take a look at the events, think about when you might be able to help out and watch out for those emails and posters requesting volunteers.

Best wishes

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