

JULY 2020



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The Friends End of Year Update

The Friends Committee hope that you are all safe and well in this challenging new normal in which we have found ourselves.

We want to update everyone on the results of the fundraising for the school that have taken place this school year, and give a very special thank you to everyone who has donated their valuable time, effort and money at our successful Christmas fair (£4,682 raised!) as well as at cake sales this past school year. Thank you so much – these efforts have resulted in £9,074 donated to the school!

These funds have been used to help enrich the children's learning experience through subsidising school trips, renewing an online learning subscription as well as upgrading the playground space with new bins, planters, benches and even a pump for the fish pond - those lucky fish!

We are extremely grateful to those who have continued to use Easyfundraising when shopping online (£408 raised this school year!), as well as have made matching donations through their employer's schemes.

Our fundraising efforts have understandably taken a back seat as we have had to cancel several events including the world food event, Quiz and Auction night and the Summer Fair, among others. While we understand that it is uncertain times for many, if you are able please consider filling the shortfall by donating to the Friends, no matter how large or small – even the cost of an ice cream! And don't forget to fill in the Gift aid form that you can find here www.friendsofmaple.org.

A friendly reminder that Classlist is there for anyone wishing to reach out to the wider school community. Specifically, the marketplace where anyone can post anything from bicycles or books for sale. Or even looking to swap surplus garden vegetables - don't be shy! Note that we will be moving the accounts to the new classes over the coming week, so you don't need to do anything.

Finally, now is the time to consider becoming a class rep or even stepping into a Friends committee role for next school year as the current committee will be stepping down at the AGM on September 24 (TBC). Now, and perhaps more than ever, the Friends of Maple

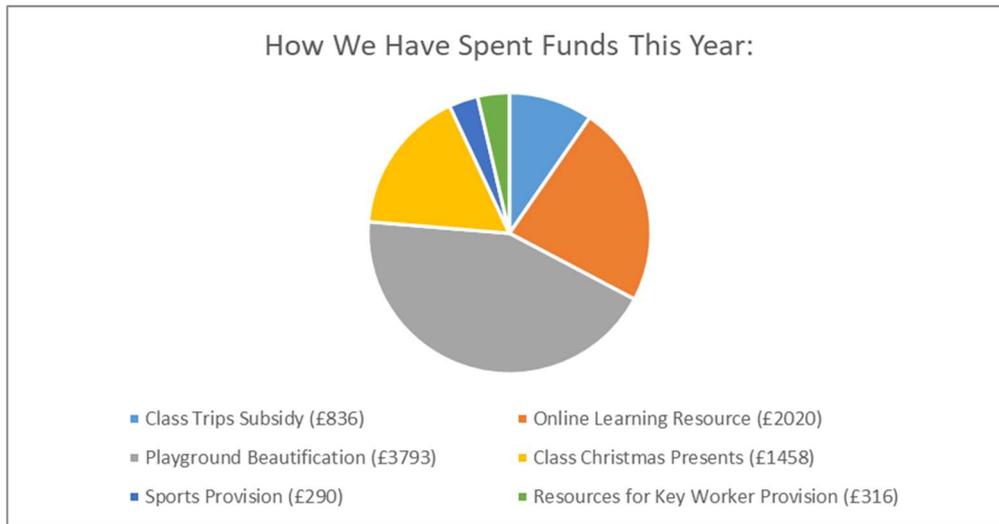
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Infants need to continue even though fundraising for the next school year may look a little different to what we are used to. You are welcome to contact any one of us to discuss this further. On a personal note, I have met so many wonderful parents and carers this year and am incredibly grateful for the opportunity to have worked with you all in my role as Chair.



If you have any suggestions or comments for the Friends please go to www.friendsofmaple.org and fill out the suggestions/feedback form. We would love to hear from you – positive or negative.

We wish you a safe and enjoyable summer break,

Tansy, Udari, Kelly and Rebecca
The Friends Committee 2019-2020