



Friends of Maple Winter News 2018

Dear Parents, Carers, Staff, and Friends,

Thank you to everyone who attended and contributed to the AGM back in September, the presentation and minutes are available on the website for anyone who missed it. The 2018 Committee was duly elected: Suzy Brinded (Chair/Cedar/Sycamore), Sarah Richardson (Vice-Chair/Cedar), and Judith Murray (Secretary/Rowan) are all continuing for another year and are delighted to be joined by Sarah Halliwell (Treasurer/Sycamore). We also extend a warm welcome to all the new and returning Class Reps.

This term we have...

- Welcomed new nursery and reception parents
- Raised £90.50 selling Second Hand Uniform (we have more to sell if you need it!)
- Run the Seasonal/Christmas Card project with IQ cards raising £139.25
- Hosted “Nick the Animal Man” at a Saturday morning event attended by 50 children and their parents and carers. Also present were a skunk, tarantula, snake, meerkat, chinchilla, owl, the biggest snail you’ve ever seen and a bearded-dragon.
- Held our first Cake Sale of the Year – the Bonfire Cake Sale + Glowsticks, raising £123.60
- Received a £300 donation - £100 from a parent with £200 in matched funding from their employer. Does your employer offer a similar deal? It’s worth finding out!
- Had some folky fun at The Friends of Maple Barn Dance – thank you to everyone who came and enjoyed this evening of dance. We raised £456 through ticket sales and a raffle on the night.

The Maple Infants' Christmas Fair ...

The Christmas Fair on Saturday 8th December was a huge success – enormous thanks to all the Class Reps and parent and staff volunteers who helped to prepare and run the stalls on the day, and to everyone who donated through the mufti days and offered their support. The Year 2 Choir and Violin Club gave brilliant performances – thanks to Mrs. Brookes and Mrs. Shin and all the children who took part. Our collective efforts raised just under £5,000 – a fantastic result!

Autumn/Winter Spending Update

Our annual spending commitments include subsidising all school trips (such as the recent Year 2 trip to see Hansel & Gretel at The Rose Theatre) and spending £1000 on books. Every year Friends of Maple also allocate funds for Class Christmas Presents; this year it is a gift of £150 per class. The presents are extra resources chosen by each teacher for their classrooms, and are delivered by Santa himself as part of the school’s festive programme. The Friends also contribute to the Christmas Party that the children have in their classes by providing every pupil with a party bag and a party hat for the Christmas Lunch. Since the start of term funds have also been released for the Reading Sheds (£1,608) and iPads (£6,928) that we agreed to fund at the end of last (academic) year.

We will continue to update you as funds get allocated throughout the year.

The Friends welcome feedback and suggestions so please get in touch with us via Classlist, email contact@friendsofmaple.org, or fill in the feedback form available on the website www.friendsofmaple.org

Wishing you all a wonderful festive season and very Happy Holidays,
Suzy, Sarah, Sarah and Judith
The Friends of Maple Committee 2018/19