

January 2019

IRTHLINGBOROUGH NURSERY & INFANT SCHOOL PTA NEWSLETTER

Update

We've spent some money! Hopefully you have noticed that work has finally begun on the Book Nook reading caravan. Work should continue to make this an exciting outside reading space for our children to enjoy.

We've also funded the refurbishment of the large climbing frame in the playground, which has just been finished and should last for several more years.

We'd welcome you to join us at our next meeting, at **6pm on Thursday 7th February** in the school, to talk about our future plans for events and where to spend our funds.

We're already talking about our Summer Fair, daydreaming of longer warmer days, if the British summer allows.

We've also got a Bag2School collection booked for 3rd May, they are the UK's leading textile recycler and fundraiser working with schools, so save any items from your spring cleaning to help us raise more funds.
<https://bag2school.com/what-we-collect>

Christmas success!

Thanks to your ongoing and amazing support, we raised nearly £2,350 in the Autumn term!

We were thrilled to have many new volunteers for the Christmas Gift wrapping, and with hampers to be raffled, discos, Santa's Grotto and Christmas cards, we made the most of the festivities!

Dates for your diary

Starting **Monday 14th January** – classroom change collection. Each classroom will be collecting any small change you might have up until half term. We'll provide updates on the amounts raised on a regular basis. The first total is below.

Nursery will be starting their collection on Monday 21st January

Friday 15th February – Food bank mufti day

Wear your own clothes in return for a donation of a item of tinned or packet items for the food bank

<http://www.irthlingboroughfoodbank.co.uk/donations>

Next term we'll have a disco, spring tea and the chocolate tombola, which is always popular. Following the popularity of our Christmas Gifts for Parents and Carers, we're also going to trial a special lady gift shop at the end of March.

We've spent time talking about how we can reduce our use of plastics and be more eco friendly – we're going to start challenging ourselves on alternatives where we can, we'd welcome any ideas you might have to share with us.



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Fundraising all year round for our school

We're often brainstorming ways to fundraise to help support our school, we want them to be fun, value for money as well as raising important funds to help support the school.

Small change collection

Each classroom is collecting any small change from now through to half term.

This money will be kept within each year group and will be spent on an activity or experience for that year group.

League Table - Week 1

Yr 2 Flamingo £18.14
Yr 1 Lemur £16.82
Yr 2 Giraffe £13.29
Reception Dolphin £8.87
Reception Monkey £5.50
Yr 1 Elephant £2.72
Yr 2 Zebra £2.51
Reception Tiger £1.95
Yr 1 Sloth £0.40
Yr 2 Penguin £0

Your School Lottery

You can support us in fundraising for the children all year round, and you could win a prize too! Why not join our School Lottery today! There's a winner from our school every week, and it's never too late to join! If you've signed up, but haven't yet got round to buying a ticket, please get one now! If you join before 16th February you could also WIN a Fitbit. Good luck!

Shopping using TheGivingMachine

Remember, when you are shopping online you can generate a free cash donation for us just by clicking via www.TheGivingMachine.co.uk. You'll find over 2,200 of the most popular stores, so it's easy for you to make a difference without it costing you a penny more than the normal purchase price of your item.

<https://www.thegivingmachine.co.uk/causes/irthlingborough-infant-and-nursery-school>

<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/irthlingborough-nursery-and-infant-school>



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