WISPA Newsletter

Fundraising for Westfields Infant School



A warm welcome to the new parents and those returning, we hope your little ones have settled in well! Despite all the challenges during the last school year we managed to raise over £10,000 towards much needed improvements to the toilet facilities. Due to the huge expense of the project we will continue to raise money this year towards the cost. The good news is that, thanks to all your support so far, the first phase of the project can now start with the refurbishment of the Year 2 toilets!

Now that restrictions have finally lifted, we are delighted to be able to go ahead with many of our events that have been on hold for the past 18 months, such as the cake sales, WISPA Parties and the Christmas Fair! It's going to be a fun filled term with a lot of activities for the children to look forward to so make sure you take note of the dates below! All event/fundraising information is posted onto Facebook – make sure you're following us at <u>Parents of Westfields Infant School (Run by WISPA)</u> for the latest!

Dates for your diaries:

- **1 Oct** Cake sale hosted by Owl
- 4 Oct WISPA Xmas planning meeting
- 8 Oct Mad Hair Day
- 11-15 Oct Silver Coin Challenge
- **5 Nov** Cake sale hosted by Woodpecker
- **13 Nov** WISPA Parties
- **19 Nov** Quiz Night
- 26 Nov Cake sale hosted by Robin
- 26 Nov Mufti (non-uniform) Day
- **3 Dec** Christmas Fair
- **16 Dec** Secret Santa

Other ways you can fundraise

Amazon Smile

amazon smile

Shopping on Amazon? Make sure you use <u>www.smile.amazon.co.uk</u> and select WISPA as they will donate 0.5% of all purchases to the school!

Second Hand Uniform

We have a wide selection of good quality second hand uniform for sale! Please contact <u>Leila</u> <u>Scacchetti</u> if you're interested!

The Giving Machine \, 🌼



If you shop online at retailers such as Boots, Tesco, Etsy, M&S (and thousands more) please make sure you're signed up to <u>www.thegivingmachine.co.uk</u> Select 'Wispa Friends of Westfields Infant School' and a % of every purchase will go towards our fundraising!

Match Funding



Match Funding is a way of maximising funds raised and a corporate arrangement where companies pledge to donate to a charitable organisation relating to the amount their employee donates to or raises for the organisation.

How?

Organisations may match funds in a variety of ways, such as;

- Time donated by their staff for voluntary work
- A donation made to the charity
- Matching funds raised from a sponsored event or a specific activity
- Gifts in kind i.e. donating equipment or services

Did you know that Match Funding accounts for almost half of the money we raise each year? Does the company you work for donate to charitable organisations?

If so please check if they will Match Fund a sum that you donate or raise for the school! If you're not sure whether or not your company match funds, speak to HR or your line manager. If you would like any further information or think your company might be interested in Match Funding please contact us at <u>wispacommittee@gmail.com</u>

We need your help!

Even if your company does not have a Match Funding scheme, they may still be able to support us in other ways such as prize donations for our Raffles or sponsoring our events.

Maybe you have your own business and wish to donate goods or gift vouchers for prizes by way of support... Maybe you work for a food retailer and have a staff discount to help us purchase the sweets and treats for the sale...

...we'd love to hear from you!

Some of our previous supporters/match funders include:

