

17th June 2019

Parents and Friends Association Officers Meeting Update

A PFA officer meeting was held on the morning of **Monday 17th June** and the following items were discussed:

Donations and Fundraising for the PFA

- A donation of £10k from Jim Taylor from MixIt Ltd. had been received. Jim had already built the soft play extension and also held two fundraising boxing events for the benefit of the school. Another huge thank you was expressed to Jim.
- The PFA expressed their thanks to all parents that were involved in organising the fundraising disco and all who attended and bought raffle tickets. Over £1,000 had been raised to benefit the children and young people at the school.
- The captain of Romford Golf Club, John Fitch, had held a fundraising event at the end of May to raise money for two charities. It is expected that £6k would be the total raised for the school. A further fundraising golf day event in July will be held at Brickendon Grange Golf Club organised by Steve Eldridge.
- Thanks were expressed to the Romford Rotary Club for their donation of £750. This would be used to pay for a Summer Party in the afternoon of 19th July.

Projects Funded by PFA

- PFA officers learned that the farm visit that had taken place on 3rd May, which had cost £500 and had been fully funded by the PFA, had been a success with all classes on the main school site visiting the mobile farm on the school field.
- Students requested a Summer Party at a recent school parliament meeting. They decided they would like a summer themed party outside with an ice cream man, tropical decorations and dress, a tiki hut and a steel band. The PFA wanted to fund the whole day so that all children can equally benefit regardless of cost. The main costs were identified as:
 - Acoustic steel trio - Caribbean style - £475 to play 1 x 60 minute set
 - Ice Cream Van – individual cost of ice creams
 - Dressing up and decorations
- A residential trip for KS4 students in Orange and Ash Class to Lambourne End has been booked in July. This was funded from a grant from Essex Youth Trust, via the PFA.
- Plans for the development of the Junior Playground were discussed. Grant applications have been submitted to gain external funding and more would be submitted soon. The total required would be in the region of £60k.
- The PFA will begin to apply for grants to fund a multi-sensory resource called an iSandBox <https://isandbox.co.uk/> costing £6,750.

Any parents who have fundraising ideas, links with sources of external funding or would like to join future PFA meetings would be very welcome.

Kind Regards,
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PFA Chairman