



Little Elves Community Pre-School

2012 Fundraising Newsletter

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Hello and welcome to our first fundraising newsletter of the year. We will be issuing these every term to keep you informed as to how you can help as well as letting you know how much we raise through the different projects and also where we are spending the money.

After kitting out the new extension, our fundraising reserves are almost all gone so we are now making a concerted effort to build them back up again.

Our fundraising efforts are co-ordinated by Sue Hopkins who has been part of the management committee since 2009.

How much did we raise last year?

We had several projects running last year. Here are details of them and how much they raised.

Christmas Cards

We raised £66 through our "Design a Christmas card" project so thank you if you bought a pack or two! This year we will be using a different company who will donate £1.50 for each pack of cards ordered. You'll hear more about that during the autumn term.

Christmas Trees

Through a scheme offered to us by Peacocks Nursery in Ewshott we raised £24 by selling Christmas trees. This was a good result especially as we only had a couple of weeks to organise it. We hope to be able to do the same again this year but with more lead time to give you a chance to participate.

Sponsored Bike/Scooter ride

We raised £578 through our sponsored bike/scooter ride last year. This event is always popular as the children love racing around the tennis courts on their scooters. This year's event is planned for **Wednesday 2nd May** so please make a note of that in

your calendar. We may change the format this year and organise something related to the Olympics. Full details will be sent next term.

Village Fete

Our stall at the village fete last June raised a staggering £129.65. The money was raised through selling cakes donated by parents, guess how many sweets in the jar, guess the name of the teddy and decorating biscuits. We will be having a stall at this year's fete on **Saturday 16th June** and we will be looking for volunteers to help man the stall!! We will let you know what we are planning to do nearer the time and if we need any donations from you.

We also raised £304 from photos, £8 from Doodle Potz, and £66.50 from tea towels.

Thank you everyone!

What did we spend the money on?

We bought quite a lot for the new building including all the outside play equipment (scuttlebugs, Y bikes etc), the astroturf and the pole protectors (both paid for jointly with the Parish Council), bean bags, soft furniture, computer desk, role play furniture (the conservatory walls!), building role play toys, new CD-ROMs, dressing up mirror, paint drying rack, airport, and much more!

How else can we raise funds?

We have some projects already running and we are in the process of setting up more.

Second hand uniform

We have lots of second hand uniform available in various sizes for £1 per item. All of the items are in good condition, so if you need an extra t-shirt or jumper, then contact Sue (trulymadlysue@gmail.com) and let her know what you would like.

Puffin Book Club

Order books through our dedicated website or by completing the paper order form which is sent out with the magazine each quarter and we earn 50% on every book ordered. This then gives us money to spend on books of our choice. You can view the Puffin website at www.puffinbookclub.co.uk and our account number is **0008598299**.

EasyFundraising/EasySearch

Using the EasyFundraising site allows you to shop online as you may normally do but by registering with them and then clicking through to retailers from our dedicated page on their site, we earn a percentage of how much you spend. There are thousands of well known retailers including Boden, M&S, Argos, Vodafone and many more. An example of how much you can raise is if you spend £50 with Boden by using the link on our page, you'll raise £1.25 for Little Elves.

To register to use this service visit our page on the EasyFundraising website: <http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/littleelves>.

EasySearch works in a similar way. Instead of using Google, use our dedicated webpage to do all your online searches and raise funds for each search you make - easy! You can use this service here: <http://littleelves.easysearch.org.uk/> . There is no registration needed for this service.

Table Top Toy Sale

We are organising a table top sale for **Sunday 29th April** where anyone who wishes to sell their unwanted toys can hire a table from us for a fee and then they will keep any profit they make. We will be charging an admission fee and selling tea, coffee and cakes in order to raise as much as we can. More details will follow separately so if you would like to book a table, help with the organisation on the day or donate some cakes then keep an eye out for a letter in your child's book bag.

Jewellery Recycling

Have you got any unwanted jewellery that you could donate to be recycled and in turn raise funds for Little Elves? JewelleryRecycling.org will collect all unwanted jewellery including gold, silver, costume jewellery and watches, odd earring, snapped or damaged chains and pay us for it. They will also take old and new foreign notes and coins and mobile phones.

We will be sending out a covering letter and an envelope for you to put your donations in from **Thursday 23rd February** and will ask for them back by **Friday 2nd March**.

Empties Please

Recycle you empty toner cartridges. This will be an ongoing programme and we will shortly sending you an envelope and covering letter so you can start collecting right away! Don't worry if you don't always have a recycling bag available when you change your toner cartridge, just pop the empty one in a normal envelope or bag and pop it into the Fundraising box which we will be setting up in the reception area.

Other projects in the pipeline

Bags2Schools

Donate you unwanted (good quality) adults and children`s clothing, sheets, blankets, curtains, soft toys, shoes, belts and handbags and we will be paid up to 50p per kg for it. We will be arranging a suitable date for collection and will provide you with a bag to fill. Obviously the heavier the bags, the more we earn so if you have any unwanted bedding or curtains stored away, why not take this chance to clear it out and raise funds by doing so.

Weecard.it

You may have already recycled your Christmas cards but under the Weecard.it scheme you can recycle any greetings cards, both new and unused as well as used ones. We will

receive up to 5p for each card depending on its condition, but we should receive at least 1p for every card that is recycled. Keep an eye out for more information once this scheme has been set up.

Chocolate Quiz

We will be doing a chocolate quiz at Easter for the children to complete. There will be a prize of an Easter egg for the child with the most correct answers!

Balloon Launch

In the summer term we will be launching balloons from the Green with our name and address attached. There will be a prize for the balloon that travels the furthest.

Smarties Tubes

In the summer term we will be holding a competition to see who can fill a Smarties tube with 20p's the quickest! We will provide the tube (which I'm sure the parents will enjoy emptying in preparation!) and give a prize to the winner.

What do we need to raise funds for?

Our dressing up clothes and small world toys (such as the airport, hospital, castle, garage) need constantly replacing as they are all well used and well loved, and get worn out and broken all the time!

If you have any other ideas on how we can raise extra funds, or you would like to help out in anyway, please do get in touch. You can email Sue at trulymadlysue@gmail.com or catch her at pre-school as she is there every day.