

# Robert Miles Infants Fundraising



**Why and what are we fundraising for?** The Friends of Robert Miles Infants have always been great at raising money for our school. In the last year they bought new books for classrooms, wall stickers that the children designed for the walls and dining hall (which will go up when decorated), furniture for reading areas in KS1 and new furniture for classrooms in Reception. As we have mentioned in previous newsletters, and as you may have seen on the news, school budgets are tighter than ever and it has become increasingly difficult to fund the extras that we would previously have been able to do from the school budget. This is why fund raising in school has become even more important. Going forward we will try to make sure that we set targets for each fundraising activity and let you know what it is you have helped to do. For example the money raised by the Christmas plays and raffle bought the children new sets of 'Numicon' Maths resources.

**Organisation of the Friends Group** We are really grateful to our parents that volunteer on the Friends of the School committee. However, as parents move onto the Junior School we do find that our Friends group gets smaller and not everyone has time to volunteer on a committee regularly. We are hoping that those people who couldn't commit to a huge amount of time might instead be willing to help out at a specific event on an adhoc basis. If you would be interested in doing this please can you complete the reply slip overleaf. We will then contact you by text to see if you are available as and when we need helpers.

**Easyfundraising** Easyfundraising is a simple and easy way to help raise funds for school. It's an entirely free service that allows you to shop directly at your favourite online store via the links on the [easyfundraising.org.uk](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk) website and raise a donation for school once a purchase is made. Donations can be up to 15% of the value of your purchase, depending on the retailer and the item purchased. There are thousands of stores that are already participating with leading high street brands such as Amazon, Expedia, John Lewis and more, making it one of the most effortless fundraising ideas for school. Next time you shop online why not go through the [easyfundraising.org.uk](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk) website and search for Robert Miles Infant School.

**Match funding** Match giving, or match funding, is a simple way that our parents can help to fundraise with the support of their employer. Usually, a company pledges to match a sum of money relating to the amount the employee has helped to raise as part of school event. Generally speaking, banks and building societies, insurance companies, supermarkets, utilities providers, phone companies and car manufacturers are known to offer match-funding schemes. Why not ask your employer if they operate, or are interested in running, a matched giving scheme that we could then link to a future fundraiser?

## Save the date-summer fayre

The school summer fayre will be held on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June – we have started planning this already and have some new ideas. Our kitchen staff have kindly agreed to cook the food for us this year too – more details will follow after the Easter holidays.

## Save the date-Easter disco

We will be holding an Easter disco on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April to raise money for some new phonics based reading resources. Mr Styles, one of our Friends of the School members, has kindly agreed to be our DJ once again – there will be one for Reception between 4.30 and 5.15 and KS1 from 5.30-6.30. More details will follow after half term.

## Fundraising ideas for the future

Our school discos, Christmas raffles, cake sales etc always prove to be a success but over the coming months we would like to look at some new fundraising ideas.

Suggestions so far include:

- Freeze Pop Fridays – selling ice lollies on the playground at the end of the school day on a Friday.
- Refreshment tent on Sports day
- Table top sale in the playground on a weekend
- Family bingo afternoon
- Year 2 Leavers Disco

We are always open to suggestions so if you have any ideas that you would like to see then please complete the reply slip. Unfortunately due to Trust policy we are unable to sell or serve alcohol at any fundraising event.



I give my permission to be contacted by phone/email to see if I am available to help with specific fund raising activities.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

We appreciate not everyone has time to volunteer but do you have any ideas for fundraising?

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