



Additional information about these events will be published after half term but here is a brief summary of the main events planned for next half term.

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our whole school community including parents and carers, grandparents, friends, staff and of course the children themselves is something which is very special to us all.

Over many years, our PHA has worked tirelessly to provide opportunities for everyone beyond the school day. These have included summer and Christmas balls for parents, cinema nights and discos for children and family events such as bingo and Beetle Drives.

Whilst these events do so much to bring our community together they also raise funds which directly impact all of the children in school.

Examples of the support they have given over the last 5 years have included building a new garden area for the children to play and enjoy in school, providing book bags for new children, Christmas parties for all children and an annual **£1400** contribution towards class visits to keep the costs of class visits down.

Outdoor Library and Learning Area

On average our PHA raise **£8-10 000** a year. Over the last 18 months your support of PHA events have helped to raised a significant amount of money to support our children.

The PHA have now committed **£15 000** to help re-develop the back of school to provide an outdoor library and learning area. This will include:

- a better pathway
- an outdoor library and learning area
- mini amphitheatre built into in the edge of the field.

Along with continuing developments to our grounds and running path planned this term, this new project will provide all children with another wonderful space to read, learn and enjoy different aspects of school.

I cannot thank the PHA and all of our families enough for all of their tremendous work and all of our parents who have contributed to events allowing us to move forward with this project.

As we move into the second half of this term I have been discussing with the PHA how we can continue to work together to organise some lovely events for the children and continue to raise funds to support this project.

Mr D Kennedy

Head teacher

Any one wishing to become involved in the PHA should contact:

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Christmas Raffle

Once gain the PHA will be running a Christmas raffle. This year the raffle will look slightly different. We wish all prizes to be Covid secure this year so we are now asking if anyone is able to donate any **e vouchers** towards this so we can put together a special Christmas hamper. Any one wishing to donate a prize should contact **Erin** or **Vicki** on the details given below

Full details of our prizes and how to purchase tickets will be released later next term.

Santa Dash

We are planning to have a Santa Dash the week beginning the 14th December. Children will be invited into school wearing something festive and they will complete a designated distance around our running path.



Christmas Stockings

Each year we normally ask the children to bring in a small gift fro their class Christmas stocking to be raffled off. This year the children can by a ticket which will include a contribution to gifts that go into the stocking. More details will follow after half term.



Christmas Cards

This year due to challenges in school, we are not creating Christmas cards via cauliflower cards as usual. However, Christmas cards can still be designed and created at home using Cauliflower Cards 'Individual Artwork Projects'. If you would like to sign up or would like more information please visit <https://www.cauliflowercards.co.uk/individual-project>.

They can produce cards, mugs, wrapping paper and more with your designs.

Funds raised at these events next term will support our PHA in:

- Contributing to Christmas parties for all the children in school the week before Christmas.
- Supporting every class with £200 towards class visits as we move further into the year and children start to undertake these visits.
- Adding to their commitment of £15 000 to support the building of our outdoor library and Learning area.

The PHA will also be making a contribution of 30% of any funds raised to support our sponsor children in Koch Goma Uganda. As you all know we have been raising funds this week for our sponsor children and at the end of next term the PHA will make a contribution on behalf of everyone in school.