

## **SPA Latest - Spring Term!**

Can it really be the end of January already? It feels like only two minutes ago we were teetering towards the festive period. A happy new year is probably a bit of a stretch so, can we instead say, welcome to 2018 and offer some stonking stats to kick our year off?

### **Hold the front page**

Before we get to all that good stuff, we can't issue a newsletter without acknowledging the big front-page news. Forget #Timesup (*well don't really. It is hugely important. Just it adds to the buildup...*), none of us are quite ready to accept that James is leaving. But it's official. He is. We would like to take this opportunity to say, sad as we are to see you go James, we wish you all the very best on your travel adventures. Any replacement will have some very big boots to fill. We'll keep it short and sweet for now and be back with a more considered tribute later in the year.

### **Fundraising totals**

We ended last year on a massive high by raising an incredible £32,284 for the school year 2016-2017. Our last event of 2017, our winter fair, also raised an incredible £8,250. Once again, we were bowled over by all the support we received and the sheer numbers of you who braved the cold to come along on the day. A huge thank you to all who came, baked, wrapped, coerced local businesses, supervised elves and bought raffle tickets (to name a few of the taller orders)! Our raffle alone this year raised an incredible £1400.

And this year looks set to be equally phenomenal in terms of fundraising. So far, we have raised over £15,000 in this school year.

### **SPA Events**

***Our new, first ever, event of the year 'kids on the catwalk'*** took place on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> January and was a huge success. It was truly heartwarming to see all the children enjoying themselves and working together, strutting their stuff! Huge thanks must go to all those parents and carers who came along to support from the FROW or backstage with costume changes and rehearsals.

### **Don't forget to add the following dates to your diary...**

- Music Evening – 23<sup>rd</sup> February
- Quiz Night - 24<sup>th</sup> March
- Sponsored Walk – 13<sup>th</sup> May

- Jumble Sale & Bike Sale - 21<sup>st</sup> April

### **Ways to help our school**

Now we are at the beginning of a fresh new year we thought it worth mentioning some of the more couch-friendly ways you can also help raise money. Our partnership with [www.tickets4schools.com](http://www.tickets4schools.com) is a win-win initiative that offers reduced theatre tickets to parents and carers and, at the same time, provides a credit to the school each time a booking is made. With this month's offers including top shows like Dreamgirls and The Ferryman, it's worth taking a minute to check out the site.

Similarly, please remember to consider <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/> when you are doing any online shopping. This allows our school to collect donations from any orders you place with leading retailers such as M&S, Amazon, ebay and John Lewis. It really is as simple as a tick in the box. It doesn't cost a penny, yet we benefit from each transaction. Amazeballs! (As the kids might say!)

And finally, if you are looking for labels, please consider using [STIKINS Labels](#) as we raise money from every sheet ordered. They are super adhesive, small labels that can be ordered with any name (and if you like, your phone number) and stuck to clothing, bottles, lunchboxes, toys etc. Dishwasher and washing machine proof, and a way to avoid the lost property bins! If you do want to check them out, please enter the school's code-13980- when placing your order.

Thanks for listening and continuing to support all our efforts. If you want to get more involved or have any questions at all, please don't hesitate to drop an email to [lorrynemhps-spa@outlook.com](mailto:lorrynemhps-spa@outlook.com)

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