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Following last week's Cheselbourne School Friends meeting we have decided to put together a termly CSF newsletter to share updates and information about our school/parent group with our school community. The CSF is a vitally important part of the school and we feel it is important to keep everyone updated on news and information regarding it.

Snapshot of last year ...

Last year the CSF held a number of great events and in doing so helped raise a considerable amount of money – which considering the small size of our school is a wonderful achievement. Below is an overview of what events we ran, the money that was raised and what some of that money was spent on:

Events & Money raised by the CSF in 2018-2019:	Things the CSF have contributed to in 2018-2019:
<p>£2500 – opening balance for the year.</p> <p>£2000 profit made from various events including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Halloween Disco ○ Pub Quiz ○ Table Top Sale ○ Christmas wreath making ○ Christmas fair ○ Easter Bingo ○ Dorsetfest ○ School play ○ Milton Abbas Street Fair Car Parking which raised an additional £1000 from the Milton Abbas Street Fair. <p>Total for year - £5500</p>	<p>£1600 – for general expenses for the school including helping to refurbish areas of the school such as the library; school equipment such as books, play trays and stands, EYFS equipment, a Weather Station and Mini Beast equipment etc.</p> <p>£500 towards the new Playground Trim Trail.</p> <p>£648 for the school trip to the panto last year</p> <p>£400 to pay for the summer school trip</p> <p>£130 towards the new school sign</p> <p>£65 contributions towards the year 4 hoodies</p> <p>£470 Leavers Celebration Party</p> <p>£75 for Year 4 Cinema Trip</p> <p>Total spend for year - £3888</p> <p><i>Spend since Sep- £525 donation towards general class budgets (for this coming year, an amount for each phase Pre-School/EYFS, KS1 and KS2).</i></p>

Changes to the CSF team:

Mrs Owers has done a great job chairing the CSF over the past year, playing a key role in helping the CSF to raise the money above. However, she has decided to take a step back from the helm to allow her to focus on her family at the moment. We want to thank Mrs Owers for all the work she has done as chair and look forward to her continued involvement in the CSF but going forward not in the role of chair. For the rest of this term Mrs Owers, other CSF members and Mrs See will work closely as a committee, planning and organising events together. Please see details in the final section of this newsletter.

The Future:

Following Mrs Owers decision, the CSF have begun discussions about how we go forward into the Spring Term. We appreciate everything that the CSF aims to achieve, particularly these three core aspects:

- ❖ Hosting events for the whole school community (inc. children and parents) to participate in and enjoy; such as discos, quizzes and fetes etc.
- ❖ Raising much-needed money for the school, which helps pay for a whole variety of things, from fun activities for the children to resources for the classrooms.
- ❖ Helping to raise the profile of the school within the local community to ensure future groups of children are encouraged to join the school.

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For all this to be achieved and for the CSF to run well, we are incredibly grateful for the input from a whole team of people performing a variety of roles; from planning, organising and running events to representing the school at various community functions. However, we have found at times that there isn't always the number of people we'd ideally like to take part in meetings to help with the organisational side of the CSF. Therefore, we want to find out a bit more from everyone about how we could make the CSF run even better than how it is now and encourage as many people as we can to join the fundraising team. We will be sending out an electronic questionnaire to ask for your opinions on how we could develop the CSF and try to make the group work as well as possible for as many people as possible. We would appreciate you taking time to fill this in when it comes out, hopefully by the end of this week.

Christmas Events:

There are two events coming up that we would really appreciate people signing up to help with:

Christmas Fair – 6:30pm, Tues 17th December, Milton Abbey – following the school Christmas Service. The fair will be reduced in size from last year and this time will take place in Milton Abbey School State Rooms.

Christmas lunch – 12pm, Thurs 19th December, Village Hall. Annual traditional Christmas Lunch for the school community, staff, children and regular school volunteers.

Job:	Name(s):
Shopping for fair supplies	
*Setting up the state room before the service	
Preparing Hog Roast Meat	
Preparing Hog Roast Rolls	
*Serving Hot Roast Baps	
*Making Christmas Cakes/Sweet Treats	
*Serving Cakes/Sweet Treats	
Preparing/setting up hot (non-alcoholic) mulled punch	
Serving hot (non-alcoholic) mulled punch	
Serving hot chocolate	
Preparing the tombola	
*Running the tombola	
*Clearing up	

Job:	Name(s):
Shopping for supplies	
*Setting up/laying tables in hall before meal	
Cooking Roast Potatoes (x2 people)	
Cooking Roast Parsnips (x2 people)	
Cooking Turkey (x2 people)	
Cooking Stuffing balls (x1 person)	
Cooking Carrots (x1 person)	
Cooking Pigs in Blankets (x1 person)	
Cooking Sweetcorn/Peas (x1 person)	
Preparing/ cooking pudding (for children)	
Preparing/ cooking pudding (for adults)	
Preparing drinks	
*Serving food	
*Washing/clearing up	

Sign-up sheets for both events will come out electronically via email and also be available in the school office.

* Jobs marked with a star require a team of people please.

Thank you in advance for all your support with these events, we couldn't do it without you!