Welcome families!

If you are new to West Byfleet Infant's, then we would like to extend a very warm welcome to you all, by way of introduction to the PFA team, as well as explaining how our fundraising efforts play a vital role in improving the educational, wellbeing and extra-curricular experiences of the children at West Byfleet Infant School.

The PFA are a group of volunteers, typically all working parents, carers and friends, who try to support the school as much as we can by raising money throughout the year in a variety of ways.

This allows us the opportunity to secure the funding for new experiences, core and well-being activities, vital equipment, and all those little extras that make the start of your child's infant school journey a memorable and happy time.

We do so in a fun and interactive way, allowing us to help build on the school community spirit, which we are very lucky to have at WBIS. Over the last few years, we have put on some wonderful events including;

- *The visiting circus*
- *Quiz nights*
- *Bake sales*
- *Summer festivals,*
- *School discos*
- *Christmas & Summer fairs, and many more.*

These have been loved by the whole community and have enabled us to invest in great things that otherwise the school & children would have missed out on.

Please take a look at our Instagram and Facebook pages!

We have a wonderful team of parent volunteers, who all bring their own experience and expertise to help create such wonderful events. It's also a great way of making friends across all the year groups that you and your children wouldn't otherwise get to know. It is also a lovely opportunity to be part of your child's start to school life and enhancing their school experiences. What we offer at WBIS is beyond the average infant school and it's something we're very proud to be able to achieve each year; making ordinary days, magical for our little ones.

As the team is constantly changing with parents moving to Junior school, we always need new people with fresh ideas to evolve our organisation and benefit the new wave of children starting. If you would like to get involved, please do contact us or the school. We are a friendly bunch and will welcome your help however big or small.

Below are some recent examples of what we have helped pay for with the money we raised this academic year:
- Year group workshops linked to curriculum
- Jump Start Jonny Visit
- School annual subscriptions Including Jump Start Jonny, Purple Mash and more
- Weekly music lessons from Surrey arts
- Living Eggs

- In school pantomime production for the children
- Life Bus
- Outdoor Classrooms
- Parent Shelter
- And much more!
Further information is available in our AGM which is saved on the school website.

We also provide the little extras that make the school experience more memorable for all, such as end of term treats for our hard-working teachers, treats for the children at their Christmas lunch, treats for the year 2 leavers' party, amongst lots of other surprises.

To support us with our fundraising efforts, and in addition to all the school events, we also run a termly subscription fund. The subscription fund allows us the opportunity to secure the funding for these experiences and be readily available for new projects.

These donations can easily be paid via SchoolMoney, and you will be sent a link. We have a suggested contribution of £30. If you're paying for one child, a £10 request will come out at the beginning of each term.

As an organised charity, we also benefit greatly from the money made through Gift Aid. We would be very appreciative if you can ***fill in the online form*** PFA Gift Aid (This can earn the school an additional 25p, per £1 donated by you)

Finally, and possibly most importantly, many companies offer corporate charity programs (i.e. charity funding or matched fundraising) that support local schools and community projects. If any families have access to such charity funding through their employers and would like to support our fundraising efforts, please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or require further information. You don't have to be a member of the PFA to support us in this effort, and we will guide you through the process step by step. It's really quite simple.

All fundraising is used to benefit the children across the whole school. This wouldn't be possible without the support and generosity of the WBIS family community. We are all parent volunteers so any help, new ideas or support at events are always very welcome, and we hope the team will continue to build and grow, so please reach out, we'd love to hear from you!

Best Wishes,

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