

20th December 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

Firstly, Gemma and myself would like to thank you all for your amazing support and donations this term, more of you are getting involved with our many PTA events and it helps spread the load and make these events less stressful and more enjoyable for everyone. All help is very much appreciated.

Secondly, thank you to all the lovely parents who helped with the preparations and on the day at the Christmas Fair, we raised a record amount of £1797 profit, your help in selling the raffle tickets in advance has enabled us to reach this record level. This month Infants and Junior Christmas movie nights raised £172 in total. There was a fantastic response for the clothing appeal and we raised £200 for the Bags2school clothing collection in November. The Christmas card order also raised £106.50. A total profit of £2275.50 this half term alone, fantastic!

The flat top picnic benches and straight benches for the children's break times and for outdoor lesson work have finally arrived after a very long wait for delivery. These are composite plastic benches which are made entirely from thousands of recycled plastic milk bottles, more information regarding the new benches will be sent out in the new year. Dan Jackson has very kindly offered to build them (they arrived flat packed!) but if anyone is handy with a drill and could spare an hour to help build them at school in the new year then PLEASE get in touch. The more people that help the faster we can get them built and put out into the playground.

Lastly, we have an exciting grown up fundraising event coming up next term so save the dates for your diaries for a 90's dance rave party at the Sailing Club on 29<sup>th</sup> February 2020, 8pm-midnight. A professional DJ will be playing and tickets will be available to buy in advance from 3 weeks before.

To keep up to date with PTA events and news please like the New Arnside National School PTA Facebook page <a href="http://www.facebook.com/arnsidePTA/">www.facebook.com/arnsidePTA/</a>

If you have any questions or if you would like to get more involved with the PTA then please get in touch with us. You can private message us from the Facebook page or email <u>Arnsidepta@hotmail.com</u>. New members are always welcomed, even if you can only spare 1 hour a month it all helps and we try to make it fun!

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year everyone!

Kind regards

Tamlyn Gill and Gemma Jackson

Arnside PTA Co-Chairs