

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2024

Dear Parent/Carers,

### **Fundraising at Dane Bank**

Some of you may be aware that up until a few years ago, we had a "Friends of Dane Bank" parents' group – like a PTA - that worked together to arrange fundraising events on behalf of school. These events were always incredibly successful and included things such as: Christmas/Summer Fairs, Easter Chocolate Bingo nights, themed discos etc. Unfortunately, this group disbanded around the time that the Covid pandemic stopped many arrangements in school and since then hasn't re-formed. We have tried our best to arrange as many fundraising opportunities as we can as a staff team – but as there aren't that many of us, our capacity is limited.

At our recent Parent Forum meetings, we have discussed with a small group of parents how we may go about re-launching a "Friends of..." style group. It's like a PTA, but works together with a staff representative to arrange these social events on behalf of the school. We understand people lead busy lives so we intend to be as flexible as possible – it wouldn't have to just be an after-school or evening commitment.

Our aim is to create a 'core team' of parents to help plan and prepare four showpiece fundraisers throughout the year, with the support of additional volunteers (who may not be able to commit to regular meetings etc) to deliver the events.

We are aware that it is important there is clarity around what money is being raised for and so we will work together to decide upon our first project aim. A display will then be created in school showing how we are making progress towards this aim and if possible, a totalizer will be added to the school website.

Later this week I will send out an electronic survey to parents asking if you would like to/are able to commit to joining our 'core team' of the "Friends of..." group.

We'd love to hear from you, and once we have the numbers, we'll look to arrange the first meeting.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support of Dane Bank.

Kind Regards,

Joanne Lennon  
Headteacher

