

Friends of Myrtle Park Primary School

Myrtle Park Primary School
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15th February 2019

Dear Mr Winter

I'm writing to you as the Chair of the Friends of Myrtle Park. Our head teacher, Sarah Crowther, wrote to you in December about the opportunity for funds which has come up since the sale of the Priestthorpe Annexe.

I would wholeheartedly support the application which she has submitted. I felt it would be useful to you to provide some context to other fundraising which happens with Myrtle Park Primary School.

Each year the Friends team (PTFA) work hard to raise funds for the school to support future developments within the school, will enhance the children's education and social experiences.

Friends aim to raise £6,000 a year, which pay for supportive resources, educational programmes and experiences that enhance the personal, social and emotional development of the children. This year they are aiming to raise more money and have been working hard to think of new ideas to try and generate more funds. Some of this will go towards the long term wish list the school have been working towards for a long time. New KS1 playground markings, a KS2 outdoor shelter/learning space, Greenhouse and a new sound system. Some of these are only dreams for a small school, but the 'Friends' team would like to help fulfil some of those dreams and see the children benefit from the developments in the near future.

So please consider Myrtle Park Primary and invest in our outdoor provision and other supportive developments. This would have an immediate impact on the children's holistic learning, well-being and educational journey. And will support future children from the community. It would be great if you could help us wave that magic wand and begin to plan and pay for these. The 'outside shelter' could have your plaque displayed for the present and future community, parents and children to see. You would be investing in their experiences and education.

Myrtle's budget is tight and as parents, we are always trying to think of exciting and innovative ways to fundraise. We've recently been selected to take part in Cash for Kids scheme with Radio Aire, and we have a busy calendar of events for the community. All of this goes to support basic equipment for the school our children's playgrounds are desperately in need of improvements. We will have stiff competition from 3 form entry schools, but little Myrtle Park School will have fun taking part and who knows, maybe win some money towards our targets. As Mrs Crowther's letter detailed before, we are a small school with very little additional funding and everything we do as a PTFA isn't enough to meet the needs of the school during these very challenging financial times, so I wholeheartedly support Mrs Crowther's application for funds.

For such small school small additional funding will make a huge difference. I would be happy to come and meet with the Council and share some of the developments, we would love to fulfil.

We really look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

Rebecca Whitford

Chair of Friends

Friends of Myrtle Park Primary School

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Richard Winter

From: Richard Winter
Sent: 19 February 2019 07:58
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Cc: 'Sarah Crowther'
Subject: FW: Important Supporting Letter Friends of Myrtle Park Primary School our ref rjw/402031
Attachments: Town Council Letter.docx; Cash for Kids Challenge.docx

Dear Ms Whitford,

Thank you for your letter which will be presented to the Regulatory and Appeals Committee sitting as trustees for the Council trust properties together with other expressions of interest in the proceeds of sale of the former Bingley Arts and Technical school.

A report will be presented in the next 3 months following my gathering together of further information for the trustees to consider about the allocation of the trust funds.

Yours sincerely,

Richard Winter – Solicitor for the Council as corporate trustees
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From: Rebecca Green [<mailto:beckbella@yahoo.com>]
Sent: 15 February 2019 22:59
To: Richard Winter
Subject: Important Supporting Letter

Dear Mr Winter,

please see the attached letter for your consideration. I have also attached a letter to show some of the fundraising activities we are doing after half term. We work really hard to make things happen. I hope you will present these at the Town Council meeting, in support of Mrs Crowther's letter from Myrtle Park Primary School.

As detailed in the letter, I would be happy to talk about any of the 'dreams' (aims) we are hoping for.

Thanks

Rebecca Whitford

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Dear Parents, Families and friends of Myrtle Park Primary Schools,

As you know Friends of Myrtle Park School is here to raise money to support our children's experiences and help the school.

We've had some exciting news, we have been selected by Radio Aire to take part in their **Cash for Kids Challenge**. The school that raises the most money between 25th February and 22nd March will win £5,000 and five runners up will win £2,000 each. With your help we hope to make Myrtle Park a winning school!

We already had some dates booked in the diary for the month back after half-term, we've taken the opportunity to add a few extra activities, for Cash for Kids.

Loose Change Challenge

Each class is challenged to bring in as much loose change as they can between Monday 25th February and Friday 22nd March. The year who brings in the most money will earn a Fun Friday where they decide, with their teacher, what they would like to do.

Parent's Evening cake and book sale (Tuesday 26th February)

As usual we'll be selling tea, coffee and cakes at parent's evening on Tuesday 26th February. Following the success of our recent book sale, we will also have a New to You Book Sale as well. (All donations of pre-loved books are gratefully received).

Bunday Funday Friday (Friday 1st March)

The year 5 Friends representatives will be selling buns to the whole school. Please donate buns and send your child with a donation to buy a bun at break time.

Pancake Breakfast (Tuesday 5th March)

To celebrate pancake day we'll be selling pancakes to children in the hall before school. Children can arrive from 8.15 to get them in the pancake day spirit.

Movie night – Reception, Year 1 & 2 (Week beginning the 4th March).

Movie night will be 3pm - 5pm - we'll confirm which evening after half term)

The children will be invited to their very own cinema, with popcorn and a drink, all for £3.50.

Clapping games after school (Friday 8th March 3pm)

Mrs Crowther will run some traditional playground games in the playground after school

Billy Bantam Penalty Shootout (Friday 15th March)

Half of all of the money raised for the shootout will go to school. Remember to get your forms in.

Snail Race (Friday 15th March – 6-9 pm)

Pie and peas for the grown-ups, hot dogs for the children and lots of cheering on your snails. Tickets will be on sale after half term.

Red Nose day (Friday 15th March)

There will be a dress down day for red nose day (we are still keen to support this national charity).

Understanding Behaviour Course (Tuesday 19th March 7pm – 9pm)

A course to learn more about understanding behaviour.
Tickets on sale from the office.

Movie night – Year 3, 4, 5 & 6 (Week beginning the 18th March):

Movie night will be 3pm - 5pm - we'll confirm which evening after half term)

The children will be invited to their very own cinema, with popcorn and a drink, all for £3.50.

Non uniform day (Friday 22nd March)

We'll finish the Cash for Kids Challenge with a dress down day for the whole school. £1 donation to dress down.

Mother's Day Secret Shop (Monday 18th, Tuesday 19th and Wednesday 20th March after school)

Children can come and buy gifts for Mother's Day.
£2 a gift. Wrapped with love.

We are hoping to book in our annual 'Bags to School' charity collection. So de-clutter your clothes over the holidays and wait for a date!

Once the challenge has started we will let you know on the website where you can make donations, if you would like to. There are lots of other ways you could get involved too, if your workplace or other group would like to run an event and raise money for school. All money raised can be added to the fundraising page. How about a coffee morning or dress down day at work?

What will the money be used for?

We're saving for some very important improvements around school. We are planning improvements to the playgrounds which will cost around £20,000 so every little helps.

Thank you for your continued support. Let's put our great Myrtle Park Primary School on the map, we have such a great community. Please put the dates in your diaries and talk to your children about the exciting challenge ahead. Look out for our fundraising thermometer, to keep track of our progress.

Let's do this :-)

Becks, Sarah and Johnny (Chair of Friends, Head of School, Chair of Governors)

