



FROGS NEWS

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

14 JANUARY 2022

So far, this academic year we have raised a total of
£6,000

Festive Period Fundraising Total - £3,000

Ropley Victorian Christmas Market	£155
Wreath Making Evening	£942
Christmas Eve Bags	£70
Santa Grotto (Bumblebee Fundraiser)	£151
Class Hamper Raffle	£502
Christmas Crafts & Tree Sale	£468
Christmas Cards	£747

Dates for the Diary!

Valentines Disco (Honeycomb Class event) – **TBC**

Parents Coffee Morning – **Monday 7 February**

Red Nose Day Bucket Shake – **Friday 18 March**

Easter Cake Sale (Beekeepers) – **Wednesday 6 April**

Swimming Pool Fundraiser – **TBC**

Happy New Year! Hope everyone had a fantastic Christmas break (seems a long time ago now...)

We wanted to give you an update on the amazing fundraising over the festive period. As you will recall, sadly our Christmas by Candlelight scheduled for December was unable to take place however Class Reps and FROGS adapted the various planned events and we are delighted to have raised a fantastic amount of just over £3,000 during that period. This, on top of the fundraising we have done already, we have raised a total of £6,000 so far this academic year!

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered their time to support FROGS fundraising efforts and the people who have taken part. There are a few particular shout outs we would like to make; a great big thank you to Laura Silk and Leanne Colfer for their incredible hard work (and cold fingers) in all the preparation for the Christmas Wreath Making evening, Bex Charlton for creating such wonderful Christmas Eve bags and donating the Christmas Trees, a special thanks to the wonderful Bumblebee team of elves, Felicity Landrock-Mettam, Emily Budd, Beth Henze, Tamsin Armstrong, Tash Hillary, Shanon Howe, Mars Alexiou and Ben De Halpert for creating an incredible magical Santa Grotto and experience for the children, as well as Hajni Howard and her husband for helping to move the many branches to create the winter wonderland. And finally to Father Christmas, who made the special trip to Ropley 😊, he was wonderful! It's always sad when our usual Christmas Fair event isn't able to take place however all these events were such great fun and enjoyed by everyone who took part.

A special thank you to the families that have kindly made very generous one-off donations this year, we have received almost £2,000! We are always so overwhelmed by the kind generosity and these donations will go towards the fundraising for the year. If you would like to make a donation, please contact ropleyfrogs@gmail.com or pay directly into the FROGS account. All donations along with any fundraising raised goes directly to the school.

We couldn't raise what we do for our school without all the parent volunteers and everyone supporting the events, so thank you!

We have some exciting events coming up in the weeks and months ahead so keep your eyes peeled, and we look forward sharing some soon. Take a look overleaf at where some of our fundraising money will be spent at the school.



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Where do our funds go?

In the Autumn term, the fundraising target and proposed commitments were agreed between FROGS and the school.

At the start of the 2021/22 academic year we already had over £5,800 in the FROGS fundraising account from unspent fundraising funds, from the previous year. This amount will be used to contribute to larger school initiatives in the coming year.

Our agreed fundraising target for this year is nearly £8,000 however, as in previous years, we will aspire to exceed this amount! We always aim to offer a variety of fundraising and social events to ensure that they can be enjoyed by many children and parents.

School Wish List 2021/22	
£4,900	Regular commitments, such as book replacement, coaches to events, £100 per class for a chosen initiative, sports equipment, as well as general FROGS overheads (e.g. insurance). This amount includes £2,300 for the annual rental cost of the class laptops.
£2,000	Installment of a rain canopy for outside the library. This will create a dry outdoor reading area for the children to use as an extension to the library when the patio doors are open.
£1,800	Read, Write, Inc phoenics books for KS1 to support curriculum. FROGS agreed to cover 50% of the total cost for this initiative (total cost £3,545)
£500-£800	Wellbeing day for guest speaker and activity
£500 - £800	Diversity Day
TBC	Forest School Experience / Training Day
£100	Welly Stand for Reception Class

These forecasted plans are subject to ongoing review taking into consideration costs, priorities and unplanned improvements and initiatives. We will continue to work closely with the school through-out the year to donate the remaining funds. FROGS will keep you updated in termly newsletters.

This time of year is always busy for FROGS and Class Reps as we start to plan our fundraiser for the year. As always, we are open to fundraising suggestions and help, whether you would like to join FROGS, become a Class Rep next year or simply can help out here and there, please do get in touch as it's a great way to get to know people and have fun along the way. Here's to an exciting year ahead!

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