

## **In Celebration of the School Council and FRIENDS.**

### **School Council:**

Our **School Council Representatives (one from each class)**, have worked together brilliantly and have introduced a number of initiatives throughout the year, many of which will feature in our annual fundraising calendar:

- Organising the collection for Food Bank at Christmas.
- Working with Friends to create Wet Playtime Boxes of games.
- Selling cookies and cakes at playtime for Children in Need.
- Holding the lunch time 'Children in Need Fayre'.
- Selling Sports relief wristbands.
- Working with Mrs McCarney and agreeing the purchase of new bins for the playground
- Working with the Friends in the initiation of Hotdog and Popcorn nights.
- Developing Carnival theme choices and holding class votes for favourite theme - Emojis.
- Encouraging classmates to eat agreed snack foods.
- Running the 'School Council' games stall at the Christmas Fayre.
- Working with Mrs McCarney on the playground initiative.

*We would like to thank all of our Representatives for their commitment, enthusiasm and dedication to their job. 'Thank you' Joshua, Skye, Lia, Scarlett, Kaylee, Dennis, Thomas, Oliver, Amber, George, Ellen, Oliver, Niall, Alina, Maks and Iza. You've been a fantastic group to work with!*

## **FRIENDS:**

The **FRIENDS** are a very small but dedicated group of parents who work incredibly hard to raise funds for our children through the Christmas Fayre, Discos, Bake Sales and the newest initiative - Hot Dog and Popcorn evenings - that have been very popular.

The children have thoroughly enjoyed attending the various events and as a result of the fund raising activities, the FRIENDS have:

- Supported Year 3 classes by purchasing a starter pack for every child consisting of a P.E. bag and water bottle in their team colours plus a marker pen to enable parents to mark their new school uniforms.
- Supported Year 3 by financing the purchase of 'extras' that have enhanced the learning environments and experiences for the children.
- Worked with the School Council to create Wet Playtime Boxes for every class. Each box has about £125 worth of games and activities in it, to ensure that when the weather is not good, all children can find something active and enjoyable to do at playtimes in their classroom.
- Supported the ELF initiative and have committed to providing money each term for the purchase of animal food, payment of Vet bills and general maintenance to ensure that the animals are well looked after and the children have access to a valuable social resource.
- Paid for Fish and Chips for Year 6 on their final school trip of the year – to Wells.
- Organised and ran the fantastic Year 6 Leavers Disco.
- Supported our participation in the Dereham Carnival by purchasing materials for costumes and helping on the day.

*We would like to say a very big 'Thank you' to our FRIENDS committee members:*

**Angela Youngs, Ellen Challenger, Charlotte Sexton, Rachel Almond, Andrea Banovska and Jayne Quinn.** You have been a supportive, resilient and willing group and we have really appreciated all you do for our school!

If you would like to support the work of the FRIENDS next year, you would be very welcome. Please do contact the office to arrange a DBS check (from September).