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FREE FRIDAY - THE PTA

This Friday means that there are only 'three **free**' Fridays to go before the Summer Fair. So why '**Free** Friday'?

Fundraising

First of all, please can we acknowledge that this can be an expensive time of year and recently there seems to have been various requests for money. This is by no means the school being demanding, just trying it's best to provide opportunities for the children in the way of trips, sponsorship, fundraising etc, etc. The Committee are all parents at the school and so we totally understand how additional costs can add up, therefore the following may be of use.

How to give FREELY to PTA fundraising - with limited cost

Here are just some suggestions:

Rummage around for any unwanted presents	=	Tombola /Raffle Prizes
Look for any unwanted/unloved cuddly toys	=	Teddy Tombola Prizes
Have the children squirreled away any sweets	=	Prizes/Sch. Council Stall
Do you have links to a local business	=	Tombola/Raffle Prizes
Do you have any bottles wine/beer etc lying around	=	Tombola
Do you have any cake ingredients	=	Summer Fair Cake stall
Any unused clothes/shoes/belts etc	=	Bags2school
Sell raffle tickets to different people	=	Raffle
Ask relatives/friends/neighbours for all of the above	=	All areas
Encourage your child/ren to ask around/sell tickets	=	All areas
Buy a cheap item to donate (e.g. £1 shop, Boyes)	=	Tombola
FREE up some time (see below)	=	All areas

'Free Up' some Time?

There are 5 PTA Committee members and between us we have an extensive range of demanding day jobs, some of us run multiple businesses which means that our Committee role is squeezed in and around our working day. This is sometimes a 'Circus Juggle' in itself. Our role on the committee is not paid and therefore we do it for **FREE** - we do enjoy our responsibility otherwise we wouldn't do it.

Spreading our tasks between the committee makes it manageable (just). However, during fundraising activities help is vital, it is always nerve wracking if enough volunteers will come forward. The more names that are added as soon as possible on the volunteer sheet outside Class **Free** (we mean three) really does provide the committee with a perspective/hope and vision for the event. If we become awash with volunteers then we can open more stalls and increase our fundraising. At the moment the volunteer list has lots of slots available and so it is currently a **FREE FOR ALL**.

Ice Creams and Bags2School

Ice creams are on sale again this Friday in the amphitheatre. Although not **FREE**, they are good value with a mixed selection on offer. Of course the weather will give **FREELY** and it will be a warm.

Bags2school will be collected again on Friday around 9am from the front foyer. We will be paid 80p per kg so feel **FREE** to fill as many bags as you can over the coming weeks.

Thank you

The PTA Committee