



# Grove Goldfinches

## The Grove Primary School PTFA

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Dear Parents and Carers,

### **Round up of the year**

As we reach the end of another Academic Year, I've been thinking back over what the PTFA has been up to.

Since September we have been busy! Our events have included a hugely successful Autumn Fair, 4 discos, a storytelling with Marion Leeper, the Easter Treasure Hunt, a Family BBQ, the Arbury Carnival workshop, parade and stall, selling ice lollies most weeks of the Summer Term as well as producing Christmas cards, T-towels, supporting school events such as Sports' Day with tea and coffee and more! We couldn't do any of this without the support of you all, so a big thank you to everyone who has come along to any or all of these events and to all those who have helped out.

### **What are we doing with the money raised?**

We have raised in the region of £2,000 for the school this year. Added to what we had in the bank already, we have £4,000 available for the school to spend. With school budgets getting tighter and tighter, this extra money raised via the PTFA is invaluable in providing resources and equipment for the school which would not otherwise be possible to purchase.

We are currently in discussion with Ms Martin about what this should be spent on. We have agreed that a portion of the money will be spent on replacing an area of the current KS2 'Trim Trail' that is rotten and hence unsafe. We are also looking at providing some colourful playground markings for the KS1 playground area – for example Hopscotch and number snakes – as there are currently no markings at all in that area. In addition, we hope to provide several 'pop up' badminton nets and equipment for the children to use during play times. Finally we have just purchased a large 'sound box' which can be used to play music via CD or electronically. The aim is to provide recreational dance sessions for the children during break and lunch times, as well as being able to provide music for events such as Sports' Day. We also hope to purchase a disco ball (which is a suggestion from a pupil at the school) to add a little extra sparkle to events in the school hall!

### **Dates for your diary**

After a successful year, we are also looking to the year ahead and already have a couple of dates for your diary.

Halloween Disco – Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October

PTFA Christmas Fair – Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December straight after school

## **Volunteers needed!**

As always, we could do with more helpers on the PTFA. Sadly we weren't able to provide coffee, tea and ice lollies at the KS2 Sports' Day this year, as we did not have anyone able to help out on that day and finding enough people to help with the bigger events is always touch and go!

Being a volunteer doesn't have to mean coming along to meetings (although you are welcome if you want to!) and doesn't need a vast time commitment. We have a Facebook group / email list where I put out pleas for help (selling ice lollies on a Friday afternoon for example) and people can just do the odd half an hour here or there. If you would be willing to be added to this group, please let me know in person on the playground or by email to [goldfinches@grove.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:goldfinches@grove.cambs.sch.uk) .

All that remains is for me to wish you all a very happy summer holiday (weather forecast not looking great at the moment, fingers crossed it improves!). We hope you all have a good rest and enjoy spending a few relaxed weeks with your children.

See you in September!

Clare Cordell  
Chair – Grove Goldfinches PTFA