

# Newsletter

April 2018



Hello family and friends of Clyst Heath,

We hope that you had a restful Easter break as we all embark on a new term. It is IN with the shorts and summer dresses and OUT with the thick coats (hopefully!). In this issue of our newsletter you can find out all about the events we held last half term and what our plans are for the coming months.

We have prepared the space on the field for the bus and Philippa and her family have given the bus its first spruce up. For a virtual tour of the bus, follow the YouTube link on our Facebook page post dated 14<sup>th</sup> April. We hope to really progress with the bus project during this term.



We also have exciting plans in the pipeline for a traditional summer fayre on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> July so please keep an eye out for more details to be announced over the next few weeks.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for supporting our fundraising by spending your pennies and pounds, and giving your time to make our events possible. We hope you enjoy doing it as much as we do.

With best wishes

*Your FFA Committee*

## Fundraising Update

Last half term was a busy time for FFA events. We managed to cram in a café, a quiz night, Mother's Day pampering evening, a book fair and the ever popular children's discos. In total, during the last half term we raised a massive **£1,455**. Thank you so much to everyone who contributed money and time, it would not have been possible without you.

It was an exciting time organising the quiz and pampering evening as it was the first time we had hosted those types of events. Seven teams entered the quiz, which was run by Kate Helegson with fabulous live singing and music round from Paul Sewter. All this, plus a well stocked licensed bar made for a really fun evening.

The winning team, pictured below, was awarded the coveted FFA Quiz Night Winners trophy and hamper full of goodies courtesy of on-line estate agents UrPad. We had many requests for us to hold another one so watch this space!



The pampering evening was supported by a number of different types of therapists offering a range of beauty treatments and consultations. The school hall was transformed into a spa haven with candles, scented rose petals, background music, magazines and bar. There were also beautifully presented stalls selling jewellery, gifts, beauty products and candles. It really was a lovely evening and should we do a similar event again we would certainly encourage you to come along.

In March, our plans for World Book Day went a bit awry due to the snow, with our community pop-up play café in the hall having to be cancelled. Happily, the after-school book fair café could be rearranged and children came along and used their World Book Day tokens.

As ever the children's discos were a huge success and for the first time we extended the fun to Nursery aged children. It was a very successful fundraiser as nearly 300 tickets were sold and the DJ performed for free having been won last year by Caroline Quartly.

### **So how will the money be spent?**

Since our last newsletter, we have paid for the bus to be transported from the school we bought it from in Crewkerne and working together with Mrs. Hadley, Mrs. Bennett and Mrs. Murphy, we are creating a plan to transform the bus into an area where all the children can benefit from during the school day. This will be done in phases, but a priority for us is to provide comfortable seating and to install a canopy on the outside so that the children have some shade on the field during the summer. We always have an eye out for bargain so if you think you can help us with supplies or labour towards the bus please do let us know.

## Upcoming Events

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> May**

**8.45am – 10am**

**Community Room**



Please come and join us for a cuppa, everyone is very welcome. There will be Usborne children's books, second hand uniform and gift items for sale.

Takeaways are also available.

**Café Cake Donations Rota**

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> May: **Rowan**

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> June: **Willow**

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> June: **Birch** (KS2 sports day picnic)

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> July: **Chestnut** (for summer fayre)

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July: **Acer** (café last Friday of term)

Thank you so much for all of your donations.



**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> May**

**3pm**

**Year 6 leavers  
cake & book  
stall**

### DIARY DATES

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> May 8.45am Café**

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> May 3pm Year 6 cake & book stall**

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> June 8.45 Café**

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> June 3pm cake stall**

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> June KS2 Sports day picnic  
refreshments**

**TBC Textiles recycling**

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> July 3-6pm Summer Fayre**

**TBC Art exhibition**

**TBC July Disco**

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July 8.45am Café**

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July 3pm cake stall**

**Summer Fayre**

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> July**

**3 – 6pm**

**More information  
to follow**

**Coming soon:**

**Children's art exhibition**



**Back by popular demand**

**Textiles recycling**

**Perfect timing for a summer sort out!**

**Date to be announced**

## Other News & Useful Information

### Charity Status Update

Our Treasurer, Viki Fry, is pushing forward with the process to register the FFA as a charity with the aim of having it completed by the end of this academic year. One of the benefits this will bring is that it will be much easier for companies to donate prizes through their accounting systems.

Thank you to the school staff, parents, stall holders and businesses that support our meetings and events.

Do you know how to keep up to date with FFA events and information and how to get in touch? You can contact us via:



[Clystheathffa.blogspot.co.uk](http://Clystheathffa.blogspot.co.uk)



Search: Clyst Heath School FFA



@clystheathffa



[clystheathffa@gmail.com](mailto:clystheathffa@gmail.com)

If you would like to support the FFA through advertising your local business or by donating a % of your sales through Clyst Heath school families, please contact us for more information.

### We need you!

If you are able to help out with the summer fayre either beforehand or on the day please let us know.

**CAFÉ**  
**FRIDAY**  
8.45am – 10am  
In the Community Room  
**EVERYONE WELCOME**

2<sup>ND</sup> HAND UNIFORM  
4<sup>th</sup> May  
8<sup>th</sup> June

TAKEAWAYS AVAILABLE

USBORNE BOOKS

PRE-SCHOOL PLAY

ENTRY THROUGH GATE  
OUTSIDE RECEPTION

GIFT STALL