MAURICEWOOD **FUN**DRAISING TEAM NEWSLETTER - MARCH 2016

We would like to welcome you to our first newsletter, we hope to keep you updated with all that we do throughout 2016.

Mauricewood (Parent Council) Fundraising Team is a group of parents & staff that volunteer our spare time. We have a shared passion for supporting our school and want to ensure that our children get the best learning experience possible. To do this we fundraise in order to provide extra financial support to the school and nursery which is so desperately need.

Our meetings are informal and anyone can attend, they are centered on sharing ideas, planning the delivery and promoting our scheduled events.

We have a 2016 planner! – Now available on the school website.

We love seeing our kids and local community enjoy our events and we don't want this to stop.

So we need to add to our group numbers – no helpers, no happening (in a Paddy McGuiness style voice)!!

We would love more people to get involved as little or as much as they can. Can you help?

2016 FUNDRAISING - LIBRARY FACELIFT

Our School would desperately love to refurbish their Library, which is invaluable to all our children's learning.

Therefore our **fun**draising mission, should we choose to accept it, is to part fund this project – which we have gladly accepted!!

Initial target = £5,000





UPCOMING EVENTS

April 18th - Meeting

April 19th - Health Evening

April w/c 25th - Talent Show

Auditions

May 5th - Meeting

May 20th - Hunter and Lass

Talent Show

June 13th - Meeting

June 18th - Summer Fayre

2015 FUNDRAISING SUCCESS

Our Fundraising Team raised over £6,500 in 2015. We have worked collaboratively with Mrs Mathers and have agreed to purchase the following items for our school so far.....

- 1. 15 mini iPads & cases = £3000
- Replacing old audio (VHS) learning resources for the whole school = £500
- New community play sofa for the nursery = £500
- 4. Electric pencil sharper for each class = £350, approx £25 each (heavy duty ones)
- 5. Water tray for nursery = £200

So that's enough about us, now over to you......

- Do you have new or tested fundraising ideas you could share?
 - Can you help even 1 or 2 hours every few months?
 - Are you happy to help on the day at our big events?
- Or, can you please like our Facebook page so we can keep you informed!

Recently we have had small groups of people organise specific events which has worked really so all new ideas welcomed.

You can get in touch via:

- The school office
- fwww.facebook.com/Mauricewood-Primary-School-Parent-Council-and-Fundraising-Team-183060801766576/
 - Cassandra Grant (<u>Cassandra.grant@me.com</u>) or
 - Abie Mott (abie.mott@hotmail.co.uk

Top 5 Parent Council Fundraising Team myths dispelled!

#1	Only parents and teachers can join	A strong fundraising team needs support from family members, friends, school staff and the community, we will never turn away help!
#2	Joining the fundraising team means I have to volunteer	You will not be sucked into the black hole of volunteering unless you want to! We appreciate everyone's help.
#3	School fundraising is for stay at home parents with nothing else to do, I just don't have time	Every member is juggling a full or part time job, bills, household chores and kids just like you! If you are unable to get involved – just send us your ideas
#4	My child's life will be the same if I join the fundraising team or not	The fundraising team does so much to make your child's school experience better, if everyone felt this way, none of these wonderful activities would be available.
#5	I have an idea but they are not interested, they are a group of friends who doesn't want anyone else involved and wants things their own way	Nothing could be further from the truth, new ideas and new members are always welcome. It is important to keep our fundraising ideas fresh and exciting.

