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Dear Parents/Carers

FUNDRAISING UPDATE

As we start the new year, I am pleased to provide an update on our facilities fundraising projects. The Food Technology Room and Cafe are now in full use, and hopefully you enjoyed the new facilities and refreshments at the recent Christmas Fair.

All our pupils are now enjoying new playground facilities which include a variety of play equipment, safety surfaces, accessible pathways, shade, bike store and sensory planting. It is great to see them each breaktime really enjoying the new play area. If you follow us on Facebook you can see photos of the area in use.

This term our focus remains on funding the last part of our redevelopment which will extend our outdoor play area and install a Multi Use Games Area on part of the school field. We are continuing to seek grant funding for this final part of our project, and raise funds ourselves through a variety of ways. We thank you for your continued support with our fundraising, and give details below of ideas you can get involved in.

Nidderdale Charity Walk and Run - Sunday 8th May

Are you looking for a challenge for the new year?

The Rotary Club of Harrogate organise a walk each year allowing local charities to take part and raise sponsorship monies for themselves.

Walks are 4, 8, 15, 22 and 26 miles long - you just choose the one that suits you best. All the walks start from Pateley Bridge and follow the beautiful Nidderdale Way. For a small entrance fee you or your family can take part in this organised walk, which is signposted with checkpoints and refreshments, and hopefully raise some sponsorship funds for school along the way. Full details and registration forms are available at <https://www.nidderdalewalk.com/>

If you or your family wish to take part and raise some sponsorship money please see our campaign page

<https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/campaign/nidderdale-charity-walk-8th-may-2022>



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You can set up your own personalised fundraising page from this. If you would like to take part or need any help setting up your page, please let me know. A group of staff are taking part in this walk, and also walking the Yorkshire 3 Peaks later in May to raise funds for school.

Local Lotto

We have had 10 cash winners on the local lotto. It is a great scheme which benefits school fund and lots of other charities in the Harrogate District. In addition to the usual top cash prize of £25,000 you can win a £1000 Sainsburys Gift Card in the February draw. If you wish to buy a ticket for just £1 further details can be found here <https://www.thelocalotto.co.uk/support/the-forest-school> or by scanning the QR code.



Thanks to everyone who registered for the **Morrisons Grow Token scheme**. This has now finished and we accumulated sufficient tokens to allow us to order lots of garden equipment and seeds to plant in our allotment in the Springtime.

Bags2School

Date for your diary - We have organised a textile collection with Bags2School on **Thursday 28th April 2022** - which seems ages away but please bear us in mind if you are having a clear out of unwanted adult and children's clothes, shoes (tied together please), hats, belts and handbags. Please do not include bedding, household linen, curtains, towels school uniform, corporate clothing or rugs/mats. A reminder will be sent home nearer the time of the collection with a date for sending your bags into school.

Online Shopping– if you like to shop online please use the **Give As You Live App** – and school will receive a donation for each purchase you make.

<https://www.giveasyoulive.com/join/forestschoolfund/> [iframe](#)

We are also registered with **Amazon Smile** – which means anything you buy from Amazon generates a contribution to school fund at no cost to you.

<https://smile.amazon.co.uk>

Thank you for your continued support with our fundraising campaign, it is great to see so many people getting involved and it is making a real difference in and around school.

Please keep in touch on our Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/forest.knaresborough> or Twitter [@HTForestSchool](#)

Yours sincerely

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