



May Day will soon be upon us after the Easter Holidays, so we wanted to give you plenty of notice for the different ways you can help us to make it a great success and a brilliant day for all the children at Syresham School to remember!

This is our biggest annual fundraising event, in fact we raised a whopping £2523 in 2018... Not bad for a little school eh?! These additional funds really do make a significant difference to the school and to the overall educational experience of all our children. This year The Friends of Syresham School are raising funds to back a new scheme in school, aimed at supporting the mental health and well-being of the children. Nurturing strong mental health in early life is becoming an increasingly important topic in education as it has been shown to help children build self esteem, engage more positively with Education and to develop key coping strategies that allow them to deal with stress. This in turn can lead to better academic attainment, improved life choices and generally help them to flourish. We feel that this is a particularly worth while goal and one which we would very much like to see implemented....But, as ever, we will only be able to achieve this with your help.

Raffle Tickets

Before the Easter Break we will send home 3 books of May Day Raffle Tickets to sell to Family and Friends. We have some fantastic prizes lined up this year so hopefully it will be an easy sell!

Jam Jars – Sweetie Tombola Donations

Friday 26th April (the 1st Friday back after Easter) is Mufti Day (non-school uniform day) in exchange for a sweetie filled jam jar (or two) for the jam jar tombola, always a firm favorite and the first stall to sell out every year! No chocolate please ... it melted last year! If you need a jam jar there will be spares in a box under the chair in the school entrance. We're asking for filled jam jars to be returned to the same box or given to Katie Lycett (Sam Dillon's mum) on Friday 26th April or by Monday 29th April at the very latest.

Bottle Tombola

As in previous years we will do a bottle collection around the village, however if you live outside of the village or would rather bring them to us as you'll be away for your collection, please give them to Lisa Dimbleby (Poppy's mum), or leave them at her house, 8 High Street, in the carport - behind the wooden gates, please text Lisa on 07932 765743 if you do this!).

Pre-loved Toys

We also have a pre-loved toy stall; any good condition donations would be gratefully received. Ideally donations can be given to us between 9 – 11.30am on May Day, or to Ilse (Luca and Otis' mum) anytime before the big event.

Cake Bakers

If any of you cake-bakers fancy whipping up a cake for sale in the tea room/on the cake stall, that would be just great! We will put up a list on the Friends' notice board from Wednesday 24th April, and you can sign up there. Alternatively please let Paula Whitehouse (Abbie's Mum) know.

Volunteers

Lastly, we will be looking for volunteers to help on the day – just an hour to help on one of the stalls or games and no-one will miss the dancing because everything stops so that we can all watch. We'll be drawing up a rota in the hope that you can all pitch in!

I know it's a really big ask all in one go but if you have any queries please see Lisa Dimbleby (Poppy's mum).

Thank you ! The Friends of Syresham School x

P.S. Don't forget to look out those white shirts for boys and white dresses and flower headband / headress for the girls, to wear when they dance!