



OUR BELOVED PIRATE SHIP

Launton Playgroup Fundraising

September 2016

Dear Parent/Guardian/Carer

Welcome to a new year at Launton Playgroup (LPG). This monthly newsletter is dedicated to LPG fundraising activities. You may (or may not) be aware that the Playgroup is a Registered Charity and as such we hold a number of fundraising activities throughout the year. The monies raised help us to buy vital equipment and services for the playgroup and we appreciate any help that you can give us towards our fundraising goals.

In 2016/17 we have three goals:

- **Repair the playground surface**
- **Replace our beloved Pirate Ship**
- **Provide free child places on a trip to 'Farmer Gows'**

Playground Surface

You may have noticed that your child has returned from Playgroup looking rather 'grey' around the knees and bum! Unfortunately the lacquer which originally sealed the surface of the Playground floor has deteriorated. We would like to replace this as soon as we

are able, either with the same type of surface or an alternative.

If anyone has any specialist knowledge about these surfaces please let us know

Pirate ship

The Pirate Ship in the Playground is, without doubt, our children's favourite piece of outdoor equipment. Although the Ship is safe it is rather on its last legs. It is 'tightened up' and maintained each year but this repair schedule is becoming increasingly difficult as the wood gradually rots and screws start to spin.

Although there is more research to do, initial investigation suggests that the cost of a replacement is somewhere between £700 to £ several thousand!

Please let us know if:

you can suggest a specialist who may be able to build us a Pirate Ship at cost

you have suggestions as to ways that we might shore up the current Pirate Ship during fundraising

You know of a company that supplies equivalents at reasonable prices

Farmer Gow's Trip

Each year Playgroup visits Farmer Gow's Activity Farm near Faringdon. Although we rely on parents coming along on this trip, fundraising allows Playgroup children to attend for free.

<http://www.farmergows.co.uk/>

OCTOBER FUNDRAISER

You will have noticed a 'Bag 2 School' in your child's drawer at Playgroup along with an explanatory note.

**PLEASE RETURN YOUR FILLED BAG (OR BAGS!) ON:
Tuesday 4th of October 9am**

If you have any thoughts about the fundraising in this newsletter, or would like to talk about fundraising in general, please contact:

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