

Other ideas so far.....

Bearing in mind the short time we've been working so far and the pressure of school fair amongst other things there are several ideas we haven't explored yet - this is a selection of some of them...

Burns Night Celebration

Plans are afoot to host a Burns night on Friday 25th January 2013, from 7pm.

The evening would include a two course meal, dance and whisky tasting (for the adults of course!). The venue is to be confirmed but we're hoping to accommodate around 100 if we can pull this one off.

'80's Disco Night

The Ultimate Pop Party Disco with music from those bands we all remember so well. Abba, Adam Ant, Alison Moyet, Aerosmith, Air Supply, A Flock of Seagulls, Art of Noise, ABC and A-Ha just to name some of the A's! Personally I'm looking forward to some ZZ Top ☺...

Auction of Promises

We're hoping to be able to put together a really good mix of interesting and exciting pledges. If

you have any you can offer please let us know, some we have so far include; Home-cooked meal for six, cooked and delivered ready to heat;

Tutored wine tasting for up to twelve participants;
Chauffeur for a day;

The possibilities are endless so let your imagination run wild...

Evening Classes

There is already a selection of classes that run during the evenings but we'd like to extend the offering.

If you are able to offer a course or have an idea of one that you think we should be offering then get in touch.

Our thought is to aim at running short courses of perhaps six weeks in length at the beginning of next term to see how it works and then get a little more adventurous.

Some options will be going up in the next week or two so keep a look out for details.



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Big big thankyou!! >>>

A HUGE thank you to all of those who took part in the Open Mic night on Friday. Especially to Cath Heinemeyer for organising such a fun event. Already looking forward to the next one....

The 'FUN'draiser!

Current topics >>>

What help are we specifically looking for?

We are not under any illusions that parents are not already under a lot of pressure both for their time and their money..

You can help by:

- Offering to help with one project rather than feeling you have to be involved in all the fundraising going on;
- Helping us with your knowledge of contacts in the wider community;
- If you know of a successful fundraising project in another organisation let us know how it worked;
- Help us access the outside community in our quest to be more outward looking;
- And don't above all be frightened to talk to us - we will listen promise!

Welcome to our first edition...

A small group of parents has now held two 'get-togethers' as we start to plan a way of raising funds for the school on a long term basis. We thought that it would be useful to try and communicate our ideas so far....

It's been really positive to see how many parents have come forward with ideas on how to raise funds for the school.

Some have been able to offer their time to help get involved in organising specific events, some have just put forward ideas. However you can help it's really wonderful. Please don't think that you have to offer lots of time.

You can help in lots of ways, what's far more important is that you're involved and the school benefits all of our enthusiasm.

We have received so many ideas it's not practical to be able to do all of them straight away. But don't worry we will make sure that we get to them

With all of the ideas that have come forward we've tried to choose some which we can do straight away..

The intention is to make sure that communication of our work is as simple as possible. So we're going to be producing a regular newsletter.

The first one - this one - will be a paper based and electronic one but as we go on we hope to make more use of Facebook, Twitter and email. This will ensure that we can keep you up to date as quickly as possible with events and ideas.

Also key to what we're trying to achieve is bringing in money from outside our community. To do this successfully will need a lot of patience and planning so bear with us. But we will achieve this aim with your ongoing support!

Contact Details; If there are any things in this newsletter that you would like more information on please get in touch with either;

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Please keep an eye on the school Twitter feed and Facebook Pages as well as the Website. These can be found at

<https://twitter.com/#!/YorkSteiner>

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/The-York-Steiner-School/375518859157492>

One idea we're working on >>>

Food Glorious Food!

One of the ideas that has come forward from several people is the possibility of the school acting as a Hub for a Veg Box Scheme



Cookery Courses

Of course having the best ingredients is only ever half the story. There is already work being done on a cookery book but this would take it one step further.

The Box

The box would contain all of the usual combinations of fruit and/or veg. However there may be the opportunity to offer additional goods as well if there were a demand for it. For example dry foodstuffs, Ecover products and juices.

Courses for adults and families are being considered.



Farmer's/Craft Market

In addition to providing the opportunity for parents and the wider community to collect their Veg boxes from the school we also would like to investigate the possibility of developing a small farmers and or crafts market on site as well timed to coincide with the pickup times. Is this something you would be interested in? Let us know if you would like, or know someone who might like, a stall.

Time to get your diary out..!

One of the most exciting things has been finding just how many creative parents we have in the school and how much they want to have some fun so it seems a shame not to make the most of it...



just in case you do your best thinking after you've been fed.

We'd also like to have some more fun in January with our very own Burns Night on the 25th.

A night for all the family not only will we be creating our twist on the traditional Burns Night fayre but you'll get to dance as well.

Just in case that isn't enough for you to put in your 2013 diary we thought we'd showcase some of our musical talent with an evening of music sometime in April.

For those who think life is too serious sometimes, a Comedy Night in May is being considered if we can pull it off. An Auction of Promises in June aims to be one of our big showcase events for the year. We'll be looking to offer some exceptional items to auction as well as putting on a great evenings' entertainment to finish the year off with. Until we start it all over again!

We've put our thinking caps on and have tentatively planned a number of events for the coming months. In January we're going to be hosting the first of our monthly Quiz Nights. Teams of four will pit their wits against each other for the title of well 'Best Team of the Night' I imagine? But fun will be had by all and we're even going to try and arrange food for those attending as well -

Stuck for presents? >>>

Family Photographs

One of the pleasures of this time of year is taking a moment out of a busy day and admiring the class photographs on display in the corridor.

We have been offered the opportunity to arrange more personal photographs of the children, either on their own or with siblings with a significant proportion of the cost going back to the school. These would make great gifts for family or indeed just be a great opportunity to get a beautiful photo for yourself!

We're still in the process of finalising the details but if you would be interested in taking part in this please let us know as quickly as possible. Time is very obviously of the essence on this occasion. We will publish the times and sessions available as quickly as we can so please keep an eye out for the posters which inevitably will pop up all around the school in due course. If you have an internet connection also watch Facebook and Twitter...

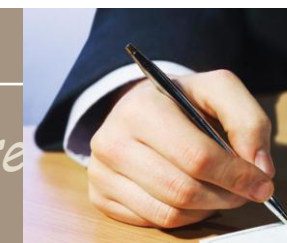


How much are we trying to raise >>>

Q: Where are we looking to raise from?

A: Ideally outside of the school community

We appreciate that the community already provides the school with a huge amount of financial resource. So we are looking to tap into the outside community for ways to supplement our income. This might be through encouraging people into our building or by grant funding. However we also have to recognise that this will take time to achieve and is not a short term solution. Though we do in time hope it will provide a constant source of new income. It's also going to take a lot of form filling and letter writing!



Bag2School

Malin Holst has organised a new fund raising event for the whole school called Bag2School <http://www.bag2school.com/u/k/home/>.

Basically, every parent gets one bin bag to fill with clothes, towels, sheets, soft toys, shoes etc that they do not want any more (you can fill more bags if you have got the stuff).

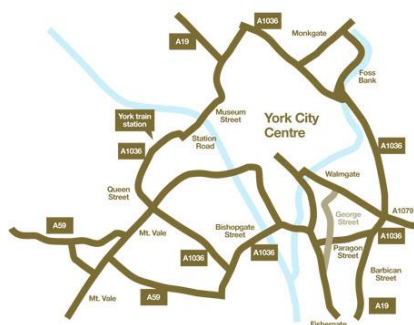
These can be old items, such as towels with holes in them, or the sort of good quality stuff that you would normally take to a charity shop. Everything gets re-used or recycled and thus does not go into landfill. Ideally, also collect similar items etc from your neighbours, friends, parents etc.

The items will be collected by a driver from our school on the 11th of December

For each kg of material the school aets £0.50.

Online Shop

A common idea which has been suggested by several people is setting up an online shop. It has been something the school has thought about before but never quite had the resources to put it into practice. However with the advent of EBay, Etsy and other sales platforms this might not now be such a huge up front investment, so watch this space.



We mustn't forget the opportunities available in York itself for alternative fund raising venues..

On Location!

As mentioned elsewhere we're keen to get some social events up and running and not necessarily at the school.

As we try and encourage ourselves to look outside of the community to enhance our funds we may need alternative venues that are bigger, have a different character, more accessible, or just a change of scenery. If you come across anywhere that might be suitable let us know