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Dear parents, carers and teachers,

In this final edition of the FOCUS newsletter for this school year, we want to celebrate all the ways that our school community has come together and to extend a whole-hearted thank-you to all the teachers and school staff for their dedication and enthusiasm - we are so grateful. We also want to thank parents for their generosity of spirit and collaboration throughout the year. We look forward to making many more good memories with you all in the new academic year!

We wish you all a happy and healthy summer break!

Highlights from the summer term

Summer Fayre. We had a great turnout and raised **£2931.28** for the school! Popular attractions included the 3 bouncy castles, the illustrator stall, face-painting and tattoos, and a popcorn/candy floss stall - not to mention the chance to throw a big, wet sponge at a captive Dr. Biddulph (see picture)! Thank you so much to all the volunteers and staff who gave their time so generously, and to all of you that turned up, despite the rumours of another significant event taking place on the same day...

Years 2 and 3 sleepover. This was a lovely event that seemed to give the children a real sense of belonging to their school. Drop-off (at 6:30 pm) involved squeezing sleeping bags and pillows into every available inch of space. At 7 pm, grateful parents were politely ushered out so that the evening could begin. There was the odd report the next day of some very sleep-resistant children, but volunteers that arrived early to help with breakfast were greeted with lots of happy children and a very calm atmosphere. Thank you so much to the teachers for giving up their Friday and much of their Saturday (presumably to recover)!

UCPS Football Fun Day. Kinnerz Coaching staff generously donated their time and equipment to run the first of what we hope will be an annual tournament. We raised **£331.50** - thank you again to everyone who participated and volunteered!



Summer Fayre: 7 July 2018



Years 2 and 3 school sleepover: 13 July 2018



UCPS Football Fun Day: 22 July 2018

Other community-building events for the school

Two Thames class boys raise £160 for the school

Alec and Krishnan, who are in Thames, ran a plant sale earlier this year.

We grew the plants from seeds in Krishnan's greenhouse.

We grew sweetcorn, money-maker tomatoes, courgettes, marigolds and morning glory.

Some of our generous neighbours donated some of their plants to us. Plants were bought by neighbours, friends, teachers and relatives. We advertised by handing out posters and putting them through people's doors. We also emailed other people to advertise. We made **£160** for the school. - *Alec and Krishnan.*



Other ways to give

If you would like to make an end-of-the-year contribution to the school, donations can be made directly using the bank details below:

Sort code 20-17-19, account number 13312984.

If you do make a donation, please inform the school directly: as a registered charity, UCPS staff can provide a **GiftAid form** to generate an additional 25% on all donations.

Take up a spicy challenge this summer!

The Big Summer Fundraiser 2018

Alec and Krishnan's plant sale is a great example of how we can all fundraise for the school. With that in mind, FOCUS would like to invite you to do something similar over the summer with your family and friends to raise much-needed funds for the school. Here are just a few ideas, but please don't let these suggestions limit your imagination and creativity!

- hold a cake sale
- set up a lemonade stand
- run a car wash
- sell your own artworks

Here comes the maths part!

If just 100 families are able to raise £50 this summer, that would mean we could raise an amazing £5000 for the school before the start of the new school year! There are so many exciting learning opportunities that school staff want to provide to our children and this would give them an enormous morale boost! And we would love to share similar stories in future newsletters!

If you would like any assistance or have any questions, please email focusucps@gmail.com and we will be very happy to help.

Signing up to Classlist

We would like to encourage every parent to sign up with **Classlist**, which provides us with a safe and secure way to communicate with each other about all school-related activities.

To sign up, please email **focusucps@gmail.com** and a member of FOCUS will ensure that you are added to Classlist before the start of school in September. Thank you very much!