



# Parents Of Durrington Schools (PODS) Newsletter

May 2019



Please don't forget to check our webpage on the school website for up to date information of events and PODS news.

## Easter Events



The Easter Egg Hunt was a great success—once the torrential rain, hail and gale force winds had subsided!

Jaden in Year 3 got the nearest in the Guess the Eggs in the Jar and won the large Easter egg prize.

Overall we raised £199.50 which will go towards our donations to school in due

## Ice Creams



It must be nearly summer as it will soon be time for PODS to start selling ice creams. These will be on sale after school each Friday in June, and then every day in July. Monies raised

through the sales of ice creams helps to pay for the costs of the Y2 and Y6 leavers events.



Thank you to everyone that voted in the Penny Vote last week. Three suggestions were put to each School to see what the pupils wanted us to raise money for. Each coin counted as one vote.

The Infant School had the choice of a climbing frame, art and DT resources and a canopy for the playground. There were 277 votes cast and the overwhelming winner was for the climbing frame (76%), with art resources second (13%) and a canopy being the least preferred option (11%).

The Juniors had the options of a canopy or shading, games benches or art and DT resources. There were 340 votes cast and the results were much closer. The winner was a canopy or shaded area for the outside area (38%), with art and DT resources second (32%) and picnic benches coming third (30%).

We also raised just over £50 through your votes, so thank you for getting involved. The winning vote will now be the aim of our Summer Fundraiser (see below).

## Annual Summer Fundraiser—Friday 24th May

This year we are going to hold a Sponsored Dance-a-Thon on the last day of term (Friday 24th May). The aim will be to have continuous dancing during that morning, with all the children taking turns to strut their moves over the course of the event. We will be sending home sponsorship forms very shortly, so you have plenty of time to ask family and friends to donate. Following the results of the Penny Vote, we will be raising money to donate a climbing frame to the Infant School, and a canopy to the Junior School, so please do what you can so that we can raise as much as possible towards these items.