

September 2019



## WELCOME BACK FROM THE FRIENDS OF CUSGARNE (FOC)

We thought we'd kick off the new school year with a warm welcome to those of you who have joined us this year, and a welcome back to everyone else. We do hope you had a fantastic summer, and those new faces have been enjoying their first few days at our wonderful school.

As most of you know, we are all volunteers, and throughout the year we do all we can to help support the school and to raise additional funds. There are lots of ways that we do this, some of which you can already get involved in.

### **EASY WAYS TO GET INVOLVED**

#### The Giving Machine

An online UK Charity helping UK based schools benefit from free cash donations! Retailers pay the school, every time one of our supporters (that's you) shops online through their website. It's easy to join, and it's easy to shop. Please help us by registering with The Giving Machine, selecting Cusgarne Primary School, and using the site each time you shop to find your favourite retailers. You'll find all the big ones, Next, Amazon, eBay, for example, and you'll earn free money for school (it doesn't cost you a penny, other than what you are already buying).

#### The Crisp Packet Recycling Scheme

In conjunction with Terracycle, we collect empty crisp packets (not popcorn) for cash. Every kilo in weight, earns the school £2. This may not seem like much, but since starting the scheme in January, we have earned almost £55 for school funds.....that's a lot of crisp packets collected, and a lot saved from landfill. A recycling bin can be found in reception. We welcome your empty packets from home, and from friends and family too, because the more we collect, the more we raise.

### **HOW TO KEEP UP TO DATE WITH FRIENDS NEWS AND EVENTS**

We like to hold various events through the school year too, and we use as many ways as possible to let you know in advance of upcoming events, and how you could help us. They are:

- Facebook – please like and follow us, we are “Friends of Cusgarne School”
- School Newsletter – most weeks the school will add our FOC news
- Noticeboard – we do what we can to keep the FOC noticeboard up to date (beside the shed in the playground)
- Posters – keep an eye out for event posters at the school gates and in reception
- Word of mouth – we try to spread the word in the playground.
- Meetings – we hold monthly meetings (as many as possible are held at the local pub) to have a chat about what we can do to help, how we can raise additional funds, etc, etc. We really do welcome new faces, even if you'd just like to come along and meet us or have a listen. Dates for these are always included in our news.

We are holding our first meeting this **Friday (20 September) at 1:30pm** in the school library. If you'd like to come along and see what we are all about, or you'd like to get involved, we'd really love to meet you. We will also be setting the date for our AGM, and will let you all know when this is, in next week's news.

For now, thank you for reading, and we look forward to making a difference to our small school, with your support, throughout the year.