

Friends of Drayton Community Infant School Newsletter

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Friends of Drayton Community Infant School AGM Monday 14th November 2011

The 'Friends of Drayton Infant school' annual AGM was held in November and we would like to thank all parents that attended.

Last year we raised a total of £6716.57 from events such as the Fireworks night, cake sales and the Summer Fayre, amongst many others. The funds were spent on lots of different things that we decided along with the school, were beneficial for the children. These included money for authors to come to the school during last years book week, the welly racks and contributions towards food technology activities. We have also agreed to finance the coaches for each year group's school trip on an annual basis. Thank you for your continued support.

Long standing committee member Serena Adams stepped down from the position of vice chair and we would like to take this opportunity to thank her for all her hard work over the years. Serena was replaced by Emma Nobbs, and Jane Dennis was replaced by Cathryn Heseltine as treasurer. We also gained a good amount of new committee members and look forward to raising more funds for the school in the coming year.

During committee meetings, fund raising ideas and future events are discussed. These are held every couple of months and the minutes of each meeting can be found in the school office and on the school website.

Contacting us

The Friends have a pigeonhole in the school office where you can leave messages for;

Chairperson (Anna Gant) Vice Chair (Emma Nobbs), Treasurer (Cathryn Heseltine) and Secretary (Emma Storey).

We are always interested in new ideas for fundraising and your input would be most welcome.

Who are the 'Friends' and what do we do?

The 'Friends' committee meet to organise and plan events and to make decisions on how the money you help us to raise is spent. We are very much guided by what the teachers tell us they need and our aim is to ensure that all children at the school benefit from our fundraising. From funding large play equipment to providing funds for enrichment to the curriculum through music, storytelling and activities, we really do make a positive contribution to the school.

Class representatives can help if you have any questions or suggestions that you would like to be passed on to the Friends committee, e.g. new ideas on ways to help fundraise for the school. They also help to distribute information to the parents in their child's class by sending out flyers in the children's bookbags. This year, some of the classes have two class reps, to ensure that someone is available each day of the week. Please refer to your classroom noticeboard for both your class reps. We are currently looking for an extra class rep for class RM. Please speak to a committee member if you are interested or leave a note in our tray in the school office.

Class reps are as follows:

Reception

RM



Lindsay Walker

RO



Becky Chick

RH



Claire Mander

Year 1

1R



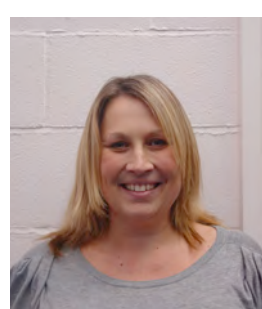
Cathryn Heseltine

1D



Jo Cooke

1F



Rachel Anderson

Year 2

2B



Amanda Terrington

2F



Donna Warnes

2S



Jane Dennis

Outdoor Classroom.

The Friends are pleased to be able to announce that plans are in place for an outdoor classroom to be erected in the school grounds. The outdoor classroom will enable children to learn outside during all weathers and will be beneficial for the children's eco awareness and understanding of nature. A similar structure can be seen at the Junior school. This will be partly paid for by funds raised by the Friends. We have also applied for grants from the Geoffrey Watling fund and from the Tesco charity fund to make up the outstanding sum. Scott sheds and fencing have been contracted to carry out the work and we hope to have a grand opening on March 24th in line with our annual Easter Egg hunt.

Upcoming Events

Pancake evening – 21st February. This year we will be holding a pancake event at the school between 3 and 5pm. All family members are welcome. This is a ticketed event and costs £1 per person (all you can eat). There will be 3 Pancake Races: Reception and under, Years 1 & 2, and Adults. The winner from each category will be given free entry to the Easter Hunt. Please remember to bring your own frying pan if you wish to enter the races. Tickets will be available on 20th & 21st February from your class reps.

Easter Egg hunt – 24th March. The Year 2 children have written riddles to the clues for the Hunt. The children follow the clues around the school to find their prize at the end. You may even be lucky enough to see the Easter Bunny!

Mothers Day Shop – 15th March. The Mothers day shop is an opportunity for your child to choose a present for someone at home and is always very popular with the children. You simply send your money in to school with your child and they can choose a gift. We will be holding a similar event for Fathers day in July.

School Disco – 9th March. We have a disco every half term and they are always really enjoyed by the children. The entry price of £2 includes a drink and a snack. We need a maximum of 10 parent helpers to help us run the disco, the list will be on the 'Friends' notice board in the office foyer 1 week prior to the disco date. Please note that due to safeguarding of the children, only parent helpers and committee members will be allowed to stay in the hall for the duration of the Disco. The coffee room will be available for parents that would prefer to stay.

2B Cake sale – TUESDAY 13th March. Classes in year 1 and 2 will each have the opportunity to host their own cake sale. The children provide homemade or shop bought donations which they then sell in the school hall to raise money for food technology activities. Refreshments are also available. Cake sales are held between 2.15 and 2.45pm. We hope to see you there!

Race Night – 27th April. The Race night is an adults only fundraising event. Come along with friends and family to bet on horses using a tote system, with a licensed bar and refreshments available. The previous 2 years have been great evenings and we hope to make this year even more of a success!

Please refer to the A-boards at each entrance to the school for more details on each event.

Ongoing Fundraising

By now you will have received your copy of the Easter Yellow Moon Catalogue. We managed to raise over £46 from the Christmas sales. Let's hope we raise a similar amount for Easter!

The Puffin Books Catalogues have been collated and we look forward to receiving the donations from this fundraiser.

Don't forget to recycle your used ink cartridges in the school foyer.

Dates for your diary...

February 21 st	Pancake event
March 9 th	School Disco
March 13 th	Cake sale – 2B Please Note this is a <u>Tuesday</u>
March 24 th	Easter Hunt, Spade Day & Family Portraits
March 15 th	Mothers day shop
April 27 th	Race Night
May 11 th	School Disco
May 15 th	Cake sale – 2F (<u>Tuesday</u>)

CAN YOU HELP?

- at Discos – sign up in the foyer 1 week before the disco
- at large events – we always need help on stalls, setting up and tidying away (Rotas will be put up on the Friends Noticeboard in the School Foyer)
- at cake stalls – come along and support the children by donating and buying cakes