

# Friends Association Newsletter

## November 2017

Welcome to your friends newsletter for what promises to be a busy and exciting half term.

### AGM Update



Firstly, a huge thank you to everyone who came along to our AGM, and to those of you who voted. The committee for this year is as follows:

- Chair: Kaye Wilson
- Vice-chair: Summer Malpass-Weaver
- Secretary: Natasha Ridgway & Val Wallcroft
- Treasurer: Rachel Aksar

The support at meetings so far this term has been excellent and we look forward to a fun-filled year raising lots of money for the school.

### Full House for bingo!



Thanks to your brilliant support, we have already made an amazing start.

The bingo night was a huge success raising £500.00 which has already gone towards wireless microphones, paint and DIY bits to help with the hall decoration. It was a fun night, which could not have happened without everyone who came along, donated or helped out, especially our wonderful

caller Mrs. D! Last half term your generosity also bought 2 visualisers and an assortment of books for the school library costing £350.

### Path Around the Park



Earlier in September, we had the launch event for the path around the park. This raised another £150.00 for school and we know many children are already enjoying using this facility.

### Coming up



We have lots coming up and really do appreciate your help in any way. Our main event is the fun-filled Christmas fayre, promising to be an afternoon full of festive cheer with ample opportunity to pick up some gifts, win some great prizes and meet the 'Main man' himself. More details to follow.

## Also coming up:

- The next working party is on Saturday 11th November at 9am. The aim is to decorate the hall. Lots of fun was had at the last one, so if you can spare a few hours either to help on the day, or beforehand to get things ready then please let us know.
- Summer Malpass-Weaver will be running some pop-up shops for pre-loved uniform. We now have a bin by the office door and are very grateful for donations of all uniform including PE kit, shoes, navy coats etc. The shops will be run in the school hall at 2:45pm on 21 November, 24 January and 13 March.
- The next friends meeting will be at school on Friday 17th November straight after morning drop-off. We'd love to see you there, all welcome whether you wish to volunteer or simply put forward some ideas. The focus this time is the Christmas fayre.
- We will be running two non-uniform days in the coming weeks and would be very grateful for donations for the tombola and chocolate raffle.
- Thanks to everyone who helps out at film club. Each time we need 2 volunteers to set up, distribute snacks, run the film then tidy up. Without this help film club couldn't happen. There is now a messenger group for anyone who wishes to volunteer with this, to be added, please see Kaye W.
- As requested by parents we now have an email list to circulate the minutes from meetings and any other information. If you wish to be added please let Kaye W know.

## Events coming up:

Working party: Saturday 11 November, 9am

Friends meeting (all welcome): Friday 17 November, 9am at school

Non-uniform day (donations Tombola): Friday 17 November

Pre-loved uniform sale: Tuesday 21 November

Non-uniform day (donations chocolate raffle): Friday 24 November

Film Club: Wednesday 13 December, 3:30-5:00pm

Christmas Fayre: Friday 15 December, 03:15pm onwards



*As ever none of this could happen without your brilliant support, and we are increasingly grateful to the parents who have been popping in to help out with odd jobs. If you feel that you can help in any way, or would like to know what specific help is needed at the moment, please get in touch. Everything we run is to benefit the school and all profit goes directly to enriching our children's time here.*

*We wish you a very happy Christmas half term.*

*Many Thanks*

*Kim Preece and The Friends Association*