



Friends Newsletter October 2015



Dear Parents, Teachers and School Staff,

Here we are, about to break up for half term on a rapidly descending slope to Christmas...eeergh!!!

Just before half term though, on **Thursday 22nd October** Jiotty (mum from 5E) and her helpers are organising a cake sale. The funds will be split between The Friends and the Syrian Refugee Appeal. Please bring donated cakes, biscuits, and fruit to the school hall on the morning of 22nd October and these items will be sold after school for the good causes. Please notify the school if your child is not permitted to buy cakes without a supervising adult. Please, no nuts and if the cakes or biscuits are homemade please label with ingredients - thank you so much for your support.

Year 3 class reps - Ideally we would like 2 class reps for each class to be the point of contact between The Friends and the class. At the moment there is just one lady that has kindly offered to be a rep. Please, a few of you step forward and hold your hand up to lend your fellow mum, dad or carer a hand. This is not a time consuming position by any stretch of the imagination and for new year 3 parents this is a great way to meet the classes. Please email nickibartley@outlook.com if you are interested.

Firework Extravaganza - Wednesday 4th November 6pm-8pm. What a great night this is going to be again. Your class reps may already have emailed you regarding help needed for the evening - please do offer to lend a hand as they cannot do it alone, nor can the team the Friends/PTA. This year all year groups have been given an area or responsibility...this is where your reps needs you.

Year 3 - The Snack Attack stall - Julie Wagerfield to coordinate with the reps

Year 4 - Bar - Anne Poulter to coordinate with the reps

Year 5 - Firepits/braziers and security

Year 6 - BBQ coordinated by Rob Newnes-Smith and Carole Jones to coordinate with the reps

The Snack Attack stall is a new idea this year and we will be holding a mufti on Wednesday 4th November. We would like the following year groups to bring in the following items in on the morning of 4th November to be sold on the stall that evening. Please remember, no nuts.

Firework Mufti - Year 3 - Small paper bags of sweets

Year 4 - Toffee Apples

Year 5 - Flapjacks or Brownies, on trays or in small clear bags ready for re-sale

Year 6 - Bags of Popcorn

Please don't forget this year, due to number restrictions once we have reached the maximum capacity of ticket sales on-line we will probably not be selling tickets on the gate. We would urge you to book early to avoid disappointment - please bring the tickets you have purchased on-line via the link below with you on the night. You can reserve and pay for tickets at www.thelittleboxoffice.net/busbridgejuniorpta

If you have a spare 30 minutes after morning drop off on Thursday 5th Nov there will be a couple of us walking around the school grounds picking up firework debris. This is for the safety of the children and we would therefore really welcome any additional help, please come and join us!

Northbrook Wrapping Paper - By now you should have received your brochure in the book bag. The idea is that we purchase wrapping paper, cards, ribbon and gift tags for general use or for Christmas. Our school will receive 22% cash back on every item sold. Rolls of wrapping paper and packs of 18 cards are £3.50 so for each one of those you purchase, the school receives 77p. All order forms must be returned to the school office by **Friday 23rd October - before half term**.

Christmas Fair - Saturday 5th December 12.00 noon - 2.30pm - It might seem like a long way off but the organisation for this big event has already started. All of you little Santa helpers out there, let us know if you can lend a hand in organising this event and running stalls. To keep our Christmas Fair fresh and fun filled we always need new

ideas and people to come forward and help. Like the Firework Extravaganza this is one of the best and biggest fundraisers of the year, but we need help please. Stalls will once again be allocated to classes and your rep will again be pleading for help...please respond positively!

Phil The Bag - Wednesday 2nd December. As you dig out your winter wardrobe, if you come across any clothing, bed linen, towels, curtains, shoes, bags, in any condition, clean or dirty that you do not want any more, hang onto it for the time being and then 'Phil a Bag'. Any collection bags can be used. All bags can be left beside the bike shed from the afternoon of Tuesday 1st December.

Second Hand Uniform - Hazel Kimber has kindly taken in the stock so please contact her if you are looking for uniform or if you have uniform to donate ohkimber@btinternet.com/01483-420500

Easy Fundraising - Please, please, please, spend 5 minutes over a cup of tea or a glass of wine, signing up to this fantastically easy way of raising money for our school. The instructions are below. There are just 16 people signed up and between them they have raised nearly £900 over the last couple of years just by shopping via Easy Fundraising. If we all signed up and shopped this way...wowee!

To register

Go to www.easyfundraising.org.uk

- Click on Create an account
- Support a good cause
- In the name box type Busbridge Junior
- Select that cause from the drop down box
- Support this cause
- Join with either email or Facebook
- Input details (name, email, password)
- Click Create Account and you are finished and ready to shop.

Once set-up every time you online shop click through the Easyfundraising website. So you don't forget to use it, delete all quick links/apps from iPhone/iPad of the shops you buy from online. Then book mark the Easyfundraising website to your screen. This means you go through their site first before making any online purchases. You could also delete all of your favourite retailers on your computer and just have this one favourite for your online purchases. Amongst the retailers on Easy Fundraising are: **Amazon, John Lewis, Sainsbury, Argos, M&S, Next, Boots, Ocado and that's in addition to hotels, flights and also some business items - WE CAN'T GO WRONG if we all shop the 'Easy' way.**

When you click the link it's just a case of entering the name of the retailer you want and it then takes you to that website. Navigating it this way means Easyfundraising knows about the transaction and credits the donation from that retailer to the PTA account. The Easyfundraising website also keeps a total of all of your donations.

Thank you for sticking with this, and taking the time to read our newsletter. Let's look forward to a week 'off', followed by loads of fun in the run up to Christmas and the excitement at our two really big events.

Bye for now,

Tracey on behalf of The Friends Committee

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Diary Dates

Thursday 22nd October - cake sale in aid of The Friends and the Syrian Refugee Appeal

Wednesday 4th November - Firework Extravaganza and mufti

Wednesday 4th November 6 - 8pm - Firework Extravaganza

Phil the Bag - 2nd December

Saturday 5th Dec - 12 noon-2.30pm Christmas Fair

January Quiz night date TBA

Spring Ball 2016 - date TBA

Spring Discos 2016 - dates TBA

Easter Talents 2016 - TBC