

## Friends Newsletter September 2015



Dear Parents, Teachers and School Staff,

Welcome to all the new parents and welcome back to all of those familiar faces. The summer holidays are now a distant memory as our Autumn term 2015 has well and truly arrived. As I type, some of us are still determined to be in flip flops with blue toes, whilst others are firmly back in boots! The temperatures and leaves are turning, and our thoughts are turning to The Friends plans for this Autumn and looking further ahead Christmas..

**Treasurer/Secretary** - A big 'thank you' must go to Julie Wagerfield and Rachel O' Brien who between them, and with your support, have done a fantastic job on The Friends committee as Treasurer and Secretary over the last few years, but have now decided to step down. Their pencils and calculators have been handed over to Nicki Bartley our new Secretary (mum of Ellie in 6W) and Petra Hammond, our new Treasurer (mum of Maya in 6W) Thank you so much ladies for stepping up so gallantly.

**AGM - Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October** - Please can we invite you to attend our next AGM and get involved with the Friends of Busbridge. You are all very welcome to join us for a glass of wine and nibbles in the school hall from 7.00pm, followed by the AGM at 7.30pm and then a brief discussion about the teams we need to put in place to assist with the next big fundraisers being: Firework Extravaganza and the Christmas Fair. This will be your chance to tell us how you can help and also what you would like to see on the social calendar for this academic year. Without your input and help we cannot run events and raise funds to assist the school. The funds we raise help to provide our children with play equipment and learning devices such as the new LearnPads. Please do come along, it's a fabulous opportunity to meet people and get involved.

**Firework Extravaganza - Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November 6-8pm.** What a great night this is going to be again. Rachel Hargreaves has very kindly offered to organise this fantastic event once more. She has done it for SOOO many years and is SOOO efficient, but really would like to start handing over the reins. With this in mind, via your class reps year groups will be delegated tasks such as BBQ, bar, security and children's stalls. When your class reps start to send out pleading emails for help, do please reply to them. They cannot carry out the class tasks alone. Watch out for a Firework Extravaganza flyer, which will be out very soon detailing all of the information. In the meantime if you and a friend fancy shadowing Rachel in the organisation of this brilliant event, let us know via - [racheljhargreaves@icloud.com](mailto:racheljhargreaves@icloud.com)

**Numbers this year have to be limited and tickets may not be available on the gate. Please book early online to avoid disappointment on the night. There will be a flyer in book bags with booking instructions.**

We are also exploring various options for a new BBQ. If you know of anyone that is about to ditch their old one, or if you have access to a large one we could borrow maybe through Scouts, Brownies or similar please let us know.

**Northbrook Wrapping Paper** - Very soon you will find in book bags brochures and samples for this scheme. 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. I bought 2 rolls of paper last year thinking, 'will probably be a bit thin, but I'll support the school and it'll do for Pass-the-Parcel if nothing else'... I had to eat my words because it's a great quality and great colours! I'll definitely be buying all of my wrapping paper and tags through the scheme next month.

**Christmas Fair - Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> 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. There will be lots of information to follow, but in the meantime if you know of anyone who might like to join us as a stallholder please ask them to get in touch with myself [tn.bowen@virgin.net](mailto:tn.bowen@virgin.net)

**Phil The Bag** - We will organise another collection this term but in the meantime 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'.

On the subject of recycling, some of you may have heard of Second Thoughts in Chiddingfold - you may very already be a customer; as a seller (all items are sold on a 50:50 basis), or as a buyer (items are in excellent condition and very reasonably priced) or both. For those who don't know it, Second Thoughts is a well-established nearly-new shop predominantly for children. They stock seasonal clothing, uniform, activity and sportswear, a small range of footwear, such as Converse, Vans and winter boots, as well as toys, books, baby equipment and maternity wear.

Children aged 0 to 16 or more are catered for - the latter with a comparatively new range of clothing from retailers such as Jack Wills, Abercrombie and Superdry (this has proved popular with mums and dads too!). The shop is run by our new Friends secretary, Nicki, and her business partner Lisa and is open each week day from 9.30 until 4pm during term-times.

Second Thoughts contributed a car full of their charity items to our Phil the Bag collection at the end of last year, have just donated a lot to the Gifts of Hope appeal and are offering to contribute more to the next Phil the Bag. For further details please contact [nicki@secondthoughtschiddingfold.co.uk](mailto:nicki@secondthoughtschiddingfold.co.uk) or visit their Facebook page [www.facebook.com/secondthoughtschiddingfold](http://www.facebook.com/secondthoughtschiddingfold).

**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](mailto:ohkimber@btinternet.com)/01483-420500

Thanks for taking the time to read this and let's look forward to a busy term of events.

Bye for now,

Tracey on behalf of The Friends Committee

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#### Diary Dates

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October - AGM Meeting school hall, 7pm drinks and nibbles, 7.30 AGM

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November - Firework Extravaganza mufti - watch out for details

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November 6 - 8pm - Firework Extravaganza

Phil the Bag - Date TBA

Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> Dec - 12-2.30pm Christmas Fair

January Quiz night date TBA

Spring Ball 2016 - date TBA

Spring Discos 2016 - dates TBA

Easter Talents 2016 - TBC