



# *Friends Newsletter June 2024*

## **Dates for your Diary...**

5<sup>th</sup> of July - School  
Disco and Year 6  
Leavers Disco

12<sup>th</sup> of July - Friends  
Picnic

First of all, a big thank you to those of you who came along to our AGM in February. We are pleased to welcome four new committee members and would like to thank those who have stepped down after supporting the Friends for several years.

We are pleased to be able to announce a few upcoming events for the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the summer term. We will have the popular School Disco for all year groups and the Year 6 Leavers Disco on the 5<sup>th</sup> of July and the Friends Picnic/BBQ on the 12<sup>th</sup> of July.

Keep your eyes out for e-mails and keep checking our Facebook page as we finalise more details.

## ***Fundraising Update***

Notably the main event this term was Bookfest! Thank you all who came to support this fabulous event jointly run by the Friends and the School to raise money for the new library space at Ely St Johns. I'm sure you will agree that this was a great community event and enjoyed by all children and adults alike. We raised a total of just under £1000 at the event to go towards the library space which was wonderful! We have also had a grant donation from Redrow for £1000 to go towards the library fund as well as over £900 in parent donations so thank you so much to our school community!

The second-hand uniform sales in the spring term raised £125.23 and we also had a commission payment from Easy Fundraising for £26.09.

Finally, we're very pleased to say that we raised £433 at the Film night in February so thank you all who supported this event for the children as well as parents who volunteered their time.

Thank you for your continued support, all the money you raise goes directly back to supporting the learning and environment of the children.

## ***Upcoming events***

### ***Uniform Sales***

We will be having some end of term second hand uniform sales at school in July. These will be on the KS1 playground outside the Foundation classrooms as new Foundation parents will be attending the stay and play sessions. There will be members of the committee at the stall from 2.50 till 3.20pm so the perfect time to get stocked up on uniform for September.

The dates are **Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> of July, Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> of July, Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> of July and Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> of July.**  
We can take cash or card payments.

Also, if anyone is having a clear out of uniform over the half term or indeed in June and July, we are very much in need of donations of green jumpers and cardigans in the bigger sizes. They should be in a good and clean condition. Please drop into the office or we will also be having a drop off point for all uniform at the back of the hall on **Friday the 28<sup>th</sup> of June** where you can simply drop your donations to a member of the committee at the back of the hall during school drop off time.

### **School Disco**

The school Disco will be on **Friday the 5<sup>th</sup> of July**, and it will be for all year groups. More information and a link to ticket booking will be sent out shortly. However, we are pleased to announce that these will be the slots for each year group.

FS/1	4- 4.45pm
2/3	5-6pm
4/5	6.15 – 7.15pm
Yr 6 Leavers dis	7 – 8pm

All tickets bought in advance for year groups FS – 5 will be £3.50 with some tickets available on the door for £5.  
The year 6 leaver disco will be £6 and advance tickets only please.

### **Summer Picnic and BBQ**

The Summer picnic will be on **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> of July from 5.30pm onwards** We are busy planning the details and more information will be sent out nearer the time. We are hoping to have a BBQ, drinks stall, performances and more so save the date!

### **Thank you's**

We would like to say thank you for our very kind sponsors at Bookfest who provided very generous prizes for the popular raffle! Thanks go to Deanta, Cambridge Pain Consultants, Cherry Hill Chocolates, City Cycle Centre, Unwrapped and Eel Catchers daughter.

We would also like to thank Tesco for their kind donation to provide every pupil with an ice pop after Sports Day

### **Donations**

Thank you for your continued support, all the money you raise goes directly back to supporting the learning and environment of the children. The Friends are currently raising money towards a new library space for all year groups to enjoy in school. We are hoping to create a comfortable and welcoming space in which every pupil can enjoy the pleasure of reading. We now have an option on our ticketing website for individuals to make a one-off donation to go towards the library space fundraising. Since we introduced this in February, we have received £632 in donations, so thank you so much to all our families!

Click below or scan the QR code to donate.



The Friends can also claim 25% gift aid at no extra cost to the donor so as part of the donation process please fill out a gift claim form if you are eligible.

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