



Friends of the Blake School Association

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NEWSLETTER 1 - Autumn Term 2018

KEEP IN TOUCH:

blakeschoolfriends@gmail.com

FACEBOOK:

Your Yeargroup Facebook page
&
The Friends Facebook page

CHAIRPERSON:

Catherine Morgan

The Friends are a collection of parents here to raise money for the school as well as to help enrich the lives of the whole school community. We're a friendly bunch & can often be found in school helping out, everyday in the playground or at any one of our fundraising events. Have you always wondered how you can get involved but simply haven't had the time/money/chance to contribute?

There are lots of ways in which you can help & we would love you to get involved:



QUIZ NIGHT

FRIDAY 16th NOVEMBER

Doors open 7.30pm for 8pm start.

We will be welcoming our new

Quizmaster Ben Lewis!

Maximum of 6 people in a team.

SCHOOL DISCO

FRIDAY 23rd NOVEMBER

PLEASE NOTE THE EARLIER TIMINGS!

- Reception - Yr 2 (5-6pm)
- Yr 3 - Yr 6 (6.30-7.30pm)

CHRISTMAS FAIR

SATURDAY 1st DECEMBER

**More details on all of these
will follow!**

TIME: We always need helpers at our events, not only on the day but preparation in the run up to them. If you (or any family/friends) can help with marketing / fundraising ideas / event organising / sorting through donations / labelling tombolas / setting up..... please get in touch.

MONEY: Feel free to donate cash! We know you're busy, so if you would rather make a donation than bake a cake/fill a swag bag/attend an event then all contributions are gratefully received & can be made via Paypal to blakeschoolfriends@gmail.com

SKILLS: Can you sew? or teach cricket? or do face painting? or lead extreme survival camps? Or maybe you know someone we could talk to? Whatever your personal interests it could be something that could benefit the kids & be put to good use for the school. Let us know!

WHO'S WHO

THE CORE COMMITTEE

Catherine Morgan	<i>Chair</i>
Kerry Hyatt	<i>Vice Chair</i>
Rachel Jones	<i>Treasurer</i>
Ellen Maskell	<i>Events Coordinator</i>
Stacey Harrison	<i>Secretary</i>
Ally Jones	<i>Communications</i>
Katie Amiri	
Penny Bennett	
Toni Brown	
Richeldis Castree	
Sarah Hubbard	
Charlie Hughes	
Chris Longson	
Sam Sadler	
Hazel Stratford	
Jen Webster	

The Core Committee meets once per half term to plan ongoing events and to coordinate activities. If you would be interested in joining the Core Committee then please contact Catherine Morgan:
blakeschoolfriends@gmail.com

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

ONGOING FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES

These are all explained in more detail overleaf so please support wherever & whenever you can. Every donation counts!

BETTER COMMUNICATION - CLASS REPS

This year the Friends have implemented Class Reps so that you all have a friendly face in the playground who can keep you informed of Friends activities. These are listed for you on the next page, just in case you've not heard from your class rep yet.

CLASS REPS

Reception - Mrs Moss	Jen Webster
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Yr 1 - Mrs Castree	Jen Reynolds
Yr 1 - Mrs Parry	Sara Horne
Yr 2 - Mrs Usher-Wilson	Jo Cassar & Anna Newton
Yr 2 - Mrs Rump	Ellen Maskell & Rachel Jones
Yr 3 - Miss Hinkins	Katie Amiri
Yr 3 - Mrs Hayes	Sarah Hubbard
Yr 4 - Mr Hope	Charlie Hughes
Yr 4 - Miss Robertson	Charlotte Glover
Yr 5 - Miss Hallowell	Chris Longson
Yr 5 - Mrs Lynch	Karen Williams
Yr 6 - Miss Main	Lisa Benson
Yr 6 - Mrs Powell	Catherine Airey

FUTURE PROJECTS

We are in the process of putting together a parents survey to share with you some of our ideas for forthcoming events & to gauge your interest/support/opinions for some of the plans that are being discussed.

Please complete the survey when it comes through as your input is crucial & we would really love to hear from you.

We are also looking to improve our communication with you all and share more details about the projects that we will be fundraising for.

RECENT WORK



Celebration Harvest Loaves

made with both Yr 5 classes for the School's Harvest Festival Assembly. (Hopefully your children will have told you about these!)



Christmas Cards

Look out for your sample card & order form in your child's book bag after half-term.

A big Thank You

to all volunteers & staff for helping with these projects and to the children for their wonderful work.

ONGOING ACTIVITIES

EasyFundraising.com

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/blakeschool/>

Easyfundraising is an entirely free service that allows people to shop directly at their favourite online store via the links on the [easyfundraising.org.uk](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk) website and raise a donation for their school cause once a purchase is made. Donations can be up to 15% of the value of your purchase, depending on the retailer and the item purchased. There are thousands of stores that are already participating so please click the link above & sign up if you haven't done so already!



Recycle4Charity

<http://www.recycle4charity.co.uk/Register/C57299>

Recycle your old inkjet cartridges and mobile phones into cash for school. Maybe your employer would like to support this too? Businesses can order collection boxes via the website.

Stamptastic

www.stamptastic.co.uk

As well as clothing you can name drinks bottles, lunchboxes, shoes...all with the press of a stamp.

Remember to use the code OX283FR at the checkout & we will receive 20% of your purchase to add to our funds.

PAYPAL DONATIONS

All contributions most welcome - THANK YOU!

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