



Friends of the
Blake School Association

Registered
Charity Number
1069508

KEEP IN TOUCH VIA:
Your Yeargroup Facebook page
&
The Friends Facebook page

The Core Committee meets once per half term to plan ongoing events and to coordinate activities. If you would be interested in joining us then please email:
communications@blakefriends.org

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

NEWSLETTER 3 - Spring Term 2019



SCHOOL DISCO

THURSDAY 14th FEBRUARY
PLEASE NOTE THE EARLIER TIMINGS!

- Reception - Yr 2 (4.30-5.30pm)
- Yr 3 - Yr 6 (6pm-7pm)

NON-UNIFORM DAY

FRIDAY 15th FEBRUARY

Suggested Donation £1/pupil

QUIZ NIGHT

FRIDAY 22nd MARCH

*THIS IS THE RE-ARRANGED DATE DUE TO
THE SNOW CLOSURE ON 1st FEB.*

Doors open 7.30pm for 8pm start.

*This Quiz Night will be hosted by the
fab duo 'Pete & Baz'!*

Maximum of 6 in a team.

£6/person

**PLEASE BOOK YOUR TEAM
SPACES IN ADVANCE**

(Entry forms to follow via email)

**"EXTRAORDINARY
GENERAL MEETING"**

In the absence of a new chairperson being appointed at our EGM, it was decided that 'Vice-Chair' Kerry Hyatt and Charlie Hughes would act as co-chairs for the remainder of the academic year with the rest of the team in full support.

KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK!

As always we want to say 'Thank You!' for supporting our fundraising efforts this term. The Clothes Bank has seen a huge increase in donations since the Christmas holidays, and our band of 'Online shoppers' continue to boost our Easyfundraising totals through those everyday purchases that we all make.

Please keep it up!

We would be particularly interested to talk with you if you book hotel accommodation, flights, travel, stationery, or computer equipment for your work as these purchases made via EasyFundraising would generate significant donations for us, at no cost to you. It really is incredibly easy.

We hope everyone has a great time at their respective discos on Thursday and we're ending this half-term with a fundraising non-uniform day on Friday.

Have a great 1/2 term holiday everybody!!

FUTURE FUNDRAISERS

**If you have any ideas/suggestions
for future fundraisers you would like
to see, then please do get in touch!**

*We are really interested in gauging support
for some of our suggested 'bigger'
fundraising ideas and we'll be doing this via
our Facebook page.*

***Each poll will be open for 14 days, so
please cast your vote!***



Your opinion matters - If there's enough support then we'll look into making it happen.....If there isn't; we won't!

CURRENT POLL:

AUTUMN 2019

**Would you be interested in attending a
'Nostalgia Night 80s/90s Throwback
Disco'? (For the grown-ups!)**

VOLUNTEER!

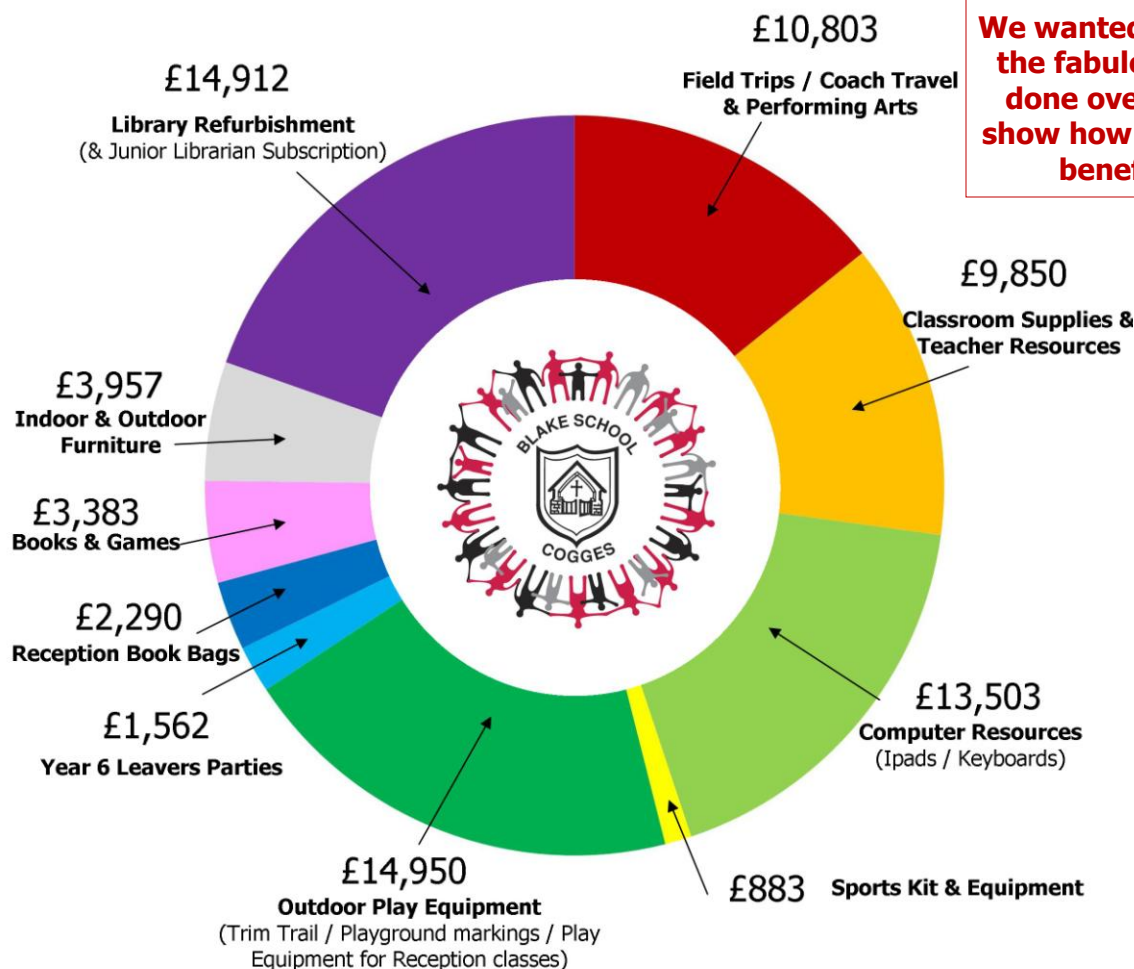
We are always in need of help for our events. We appreciate everyone's support, whether or not you volunteer or offer financial support via a donation. If you volunteer; ***you decide*** your level of commitment. We promise you will not be sucked in to a black hole of volunteering!

There are plenty of opportunities to get involved, but absolutely no pressure. You can help out on an event by event basis, for an hour or two, and you don't have to attend every meeting we have. We'd love you to come along though, for a drink in the pub, as we're really a very friendly social bunch.

The more volunteers available, the less time each volunteer has to spend volunteering, which gives other parents time to spend enjoying our events with their own families.

WHY DO WE FUNDRAISE?

We wanted to share with you some of the fabulous work the Friends have done over the last 7 years...and to show how your support of our events benefits all of our children.



"I had more fun helping out on a stall at the Christmas Fair than I did having walked around them in previous years"

"I was always slightly hesitant about joining the Friends, so I started helping at events & loved it! Everyone was extremely welcoming and I've made some great friendships. It's very rewarding when you see what the money raised goes towards!!"

"I didn't realise how easy using Easyfundraising is. I use it on my computer at work most days to make business purchases. The donation reminder prompts me to activate the donation. I love it & it's a great feeling when you receive the email confirming your donation to the school. Get signed up, you've got nothing to lose!"

This chart shows how the Friends fundraising efforts have supported our school during the last 7 years.

(That's the school life of a child starting in Reception who left Yr 6 in Summer 2018)

Being a part of the Friends means as well as meeting new people and working closely with the school, you can ask questions and voice your opinions. You can help decide how to raise money for the school and even more importantly, how to spend it.

Please keep a look out for the date of our next 'meeting' and come along!

PAYPAL DONATIONS

We now have a Paypal account whereby anyone can make a donation to our fundraising efforts.

If you work for, or have a connection with, any organisation that would be interested in supporting 'THE BLAKE SCHOOL ADVENTURE ZONE' project and would like to make a donation, please let us know.

Please click to make a donation:
<https://bit.ly/2DZSB0b>

EMPLOYER MATCH-FUNDING SCHEMES

£35K+ is a really BIG number for us to reach with our fundraising target this year. We are working hard researching and completing grant applications as well as organising events throughout the forthcoming months, but if you are aware of any 'match-funding / match-giving' schemes that your employer may offer, please find out more!

Many employers have this as part of their 'Corporate Social Responsibility' Programme, so surely it's worth asking a quick question to find out?