



Friends of the  
Blake School Association

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# SUMMER

## Newsletter 2017



*So, as another successful year ends, I hope you, your children and your families have enjoyed the events we have held as much as we have enjoyed hosting them. This is the end of my 3rd year as Chair, and my penultimate one. I have had the privilege of seeing some truly amazing changes made to the school, thanks to our fundraising. The library and the trim trail remain a great source of pride to the Friends, as does this year's achievements of the second bank of iPads and the fantastic playground markings. I do hope your children have enjoyed them, and will continue to do so for many years to come. But as I enter my final year, with all the trepidation that the transition to secondary school brings for my son, I am very fortunate to reflect on a wonderful time at the Blake, and hope that some of you may be thinking of joining us to become a part of this very special group. It has been a fantastic way for me to be part of the school community, I have made some very special friends, and my own skills and confidence have grown. If you think you would like to play even a small part in this team, then please do get in touch. I can wholeheartedly recommend it. Have a wonderful summer, and I hope to see even more of you back in September.*

*Charlie Edwards, Chair.*

## RAISE FUNDS FOR US

### JUST BY SHOPPING ONLINE

Help us raise more funds for Blake School by using these websites:  
<http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/blakeceschool>

Recycle your inkjet cartridges and mobiles to help us raise money through:  
[www.recycle4charity.co.uk/Registrar/C57299](http://www.recycle4charity.co.uk/Registrar/C57299)

Yellow Moon is a really easy method of fundraising for our school. Simply go on the Yellow Moon website [www.yellowmoon.org](http://www.yellowmoon.org) and start shopping. At the checkout enter our school source code **THE43162** and we get a donation.

**Stamptastic:** As well as clothing, you can name bottles, lunchboxes, shoes and pretty much anything else with the press of a stamp! **Remember to use the promo code Blake at the checkout** and we get 20% of the funds from your sale.  
[www.stamptastic.co.uk](http://www.stamptastic.co.uk)



So this year, we say goodbye to Miss Purvis from Year 3, who has always supported the Friends in our endeavours, and to Mrs Brennan from Year 5 as she retires. Mrs Brennan has spent a number of years as a year 6 teacher, and as a result came to every fete and Christmas bazaar to support the Year 6 pupils on their stalls, often arranging it, organising the children and always staying to clean up afterwards! Many thanks to Mrs Brennan for all her support. Wishing all the very best to two lovely ladies – you will be missed. As Year 6 moves up, we lose Vicky Archibald and Katja Partridge from the team of the friends. Thanks for all your help over the years, and we wish Oscar and Lilly well as they move to secondary school.

### Please Keep in Touch...

We'd love to hear more of your thoughts about the Friends of the Blake School Association. Please keep in touch or join us by emailing: [blakeschoolfriends@gmail.com](mailto:blakeschoolfriends@gmail.com) or looking at our Facebook page...



### Funding to School year ending 31 August 2017

Classroom expenses: £900  
Bank of iPads: £5,310.50 + cases: £288.75  
Ride on toys for reception: £1,215.72  
Year 3 trip to Ashmolean: £120  
Library Books: £655  
Playground markings: £3,000  
Reception coach: £282  
Year 1 trip Roves Farm: £245  
Book bags: £396  
Year 2 Blenheim Palace trip: £195

**Total: £12,607.97**



The Friends are currently putting in a lot of man hours trying to get lost property back to its owners. Unfortunately so much of it is unnamed so it is proving an impossible task. To make sure your items get back to you, please check ALL items are named, including shoes. Trainers and PE kit. Please double check labels haven't faded in the wash, and, if you buy something from our second hand stall, please check you have re-named it!