

Friends of the Blake School Association

Registered Charity Number 1069508

### **NEWSLETTER 4 - Spring Term 2019**

#### **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** 



# EASTER SCAVENGER HUNT

**DUE BACK IN APRIL 23rd** 

Please encourage your children to get out & about during the holidays & participate in this fun sponsored activity. Good Luck!

### **SUMMER FÊTE**

SATURDAY 8<sup>th</sup> JUNE LOTS MORE DETAIL TO COME

### **SCHOOL DISCO**

FRIDAY 28<sup>th</sup> JUNE

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

### **QUIZ NIGHT**

FRIDAY 5<sup>th</sup> JULY

GET THE DATE IN YOUR DIARY NOW Doors open 7.30pm for 8pm start. Maximum of 6 in a team. £6/person

### **FACEBOOK POLL RESULTS**

Would you be interested in attending a 'Nostalgia Night 80s/90sThrowback Disco'? Seen by 536 people, 75 voted

YES: 72% NO: 28%

### **RECORD BREAKER QUIZ NIGHT!**

As always we want to say 'Thank You!' for supporting our fundraising efforts this term. We are thrilled to share with you our news that the 'Quiz Night' held on 22<sup>nd</sup> March was our highest Quiz fundraiser EVER, raising a whopping

£984.00

If you weren't able to make it, then please pop the 5<sup>th</sup> July into your diaries for the next one. We had some fantastic support from the local community who turned out, in addition to a number of 'parent' teams, so thank you to everyone for a great night – especially our Quizmaster duo Pete & Baz. Great job!

# CAN WE MAKE OVER £1000 AT THE NEXT ONE? We think it's totally possible.

### NOT LONG TO GO!



The 2<sup>nd</sup> of our annual BIG fundraisers.
Please keep your eyes peeled for our shout-outs / requests to help with your talents or time to make this another truly memorable & successful event.



## NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING: WED 1<sup>st</sup> MAY

We are always in need of help for our events. There are plenty of opportunities to get involved, but absolutely no pressure.

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.

Please join in the fun!

## **ONGOING ACTIVITIES.....**

### **CLOTHES BANK**

If you are having a clothes clear-out, please remember our textile recycling bank at the front of school. The good quality clothes are shipped to people who need them and textiles that can't be worn are made into new things. By donating you are being charitable, caring for the environment and raising money for our school! You can put in adult & children's clothing; shoes & trainers; handbags & belts as well as sheets, curtains & towels.



Anything you donate must fit through the chute of the bank and not be left at the side. Please also empty your donations out of big black bags as they block the bank for further donations.

Thank you!

### **MONEY RAISED THIS TERM**

SCHOOL DISCO £994.00
NON-UNIFORM DAY £332.00
QUIZ NIGHT £984.00
EasyFundraising (Jan-March) £262.51

#### **APPROXIMATE TOTAL: £2572.51**

(Approximate as there may be some slight stock adjustments to be made or amends to EasyFundraising donations.)

# HAPPY EASTER EVERYONE & THANK YOU FOR YOUR ONGOING SUPPORT!

### EasyFundraising.com

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/invite/2SBT9W

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 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!





### 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: <a href="https://bit.ly/2DZSB0b">https://bit.ly/2DZSB0b</a>

### **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?