



## *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](mailto:communications@blakefriends.org)

**EVERYONE IS WELCOME**

## **NEWSLETTER 2 - Autumn Term 2018**



**Coming soon.....**

**QUIZ NIGHT  
SCHOOL DISCO  
BRUSH PARTY**

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

### **"EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING"**

**14th January 2019  
7pm at The Blake School**

We are in the extraordinary position of needing to elect a replacement chairperson, following Catherine Morgan's resignation from the Friends.

If you would be interested in joining us in any capacity and in particular would like to run for chair, please get in touch and pop the date in your diary.

**Interested parties are  
invited to attend.**

## **A MASSIVE THANK YOU!**

A massive thank you to everyone who has supported the Friends this term. We hope that you and your children enjoyed any events you were able to attend. It has been quite the baptism of fire for the new team and we are so blessed by the positive response we have received from all of you, with so many donating money, prizes, cakes, time and most of all, incredibly lovely feedback!

"The Friends" means all parents, staff and external supporters of the Blake School and we're working together to support our children and create the best learning environment and community that we can.

So read on and join us in celebrating the success of this first term as well as looking forward to what 2019 may bring.... and above all, thank you!

### **THIS YEAR'S PROJECT!**

#### **THE BLAKE SCHOOL ADVENTURE ZONE**

The Blake School, in response to feedback from pupils and staff, educational research and best practice, seeks to raise enough money to build an adventure zone in the current wooded area.

This will consist of a solid rubberized floor with equipment aimed at both younger and older children, together with a variety of play and strength training facilities, i.e. monkey bars at different heights, slack lining zones, rope walks/low ropes, etc.

It will be built with the specific aims of:

- A) **Building children's strength** - research has shown that upper body exercises, which encourage grip strength, improve children's handwriting skills.
- B) **Building children's resilience** and capacity to face and overcome challenges.
- C) **Bringing a sense of fun and engaging play** - happy playtimes lead to happy children and happy classrooms.

The project is expected to cost in the region of £30,000 - £35,000. We currently have approx £10,000 in the pot from fundraising already undertaken, and hope to secure the remaining funds over the course of this academic year. We have already made a fantastic start this term! Please see next page for details.

### **PAYPAL DONATIONS**

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

If you have a connection with any organisation that would be interested in supporting our project and would like to make a donation, please let us know.

Please click to make a donation:

<https://bit.ly/2DZSB0b>

## 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

CHRISTMAS CARDS PROJECT	£571.56
TAKE A TEDDY TO SCHOOL	£346.98
QUIZ NIGHT	£874.00
SCHOOL DISCO	£937.00
CHRISTMAS FAIR	£3600.00
EasyFundraising (Sept-Dec)	£178.00

**APPROXIMATE TOTAL: £6507.54**

(Approximate as there may be some slight stock adjustments to be made)

## WE CAN'T DO IT WITHOUT YOU

*A huge thank you to all volunteers & staff for helping with all of our events since September.*

*This is an incredible start to the year for us and we hope you will continue to enjoy the forthcoming events we have planned. There's plenty more to come in 2019.*

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



**WE WISH YOU A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS  
FILLED WITH FAMILY, FUN & LAUGHTER,  
AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR TOO!**

## ONGOING ACTIVITIES

### EasyFundraising.com

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

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 - INKJET CARTRIDGES

<http://www.recycle4charity.co.uk/Register/C5729>

Recycle your used inkjet cartridges into cash for school. Maybe your employer would like to support this too? Businesses can order collection boxes via the website above or you can pop into the school office and collect as many FREEPOST envelopes as you need.



**We will receive £1 for every inkjet cartridge recycled.**

Please note:  
NO BROTHER, EPSON, OR  
KODAK INKTANKS allowed.  
Sorry!

### Stamptastic

[www.stamptastic.co.uk](http://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.