



Friends of the
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NEWSLETTER – Spring 2017

So, as always, the year is racing on and so are the fundraising opportunities for the Friends. We have already achieved so much, and purchasing a second bank of iPads will be a real boost to the STEM resources for the children. As the weather warms and Summer is peeping around the corner, we are focusing our fundraising efforts towards the outdoor space, and hope to add to the already extensive plans for improving the playground areas around the school. We have purchased new scooters and ride on toys for Reception, helped improve the Year 1 outdoor learning space, and are now looking to further the plans for the wooded area along the side of the school. It's wonderful to see our plans come to fruition, but none of this can happen without the dedicated team of volunteers that make up the Friends. My heartfelt thanks go out to those who are behind all the events, buying supplies, manning doors, running stalls, selling raffle tickets, making posters and baking cakes. I hope you will join me in thanking them, and continue to support us in our efforts that enable us to offer such fantastic resources to all of our children. If you would like to help our team, or can offer any other support then please email us at blakeschoolfriends@gmail.com We will be very glad to hear from you. Have a lovely Easter holiday.

Charlie Edwards, Chair.



The Friends' are delighted to announce the return of our fantastic Quiz Night on Friday April 28, 7.30pm - 10.30pm. This promises to be a great fun evening to share with friends over a few drinks and nibbles, so put the date in your diary and grab a few friends. Tickets are £5 per person, in teams between 4-6 people. If you would like to come, apply for tickets as a team, e.g. a group of 4 (£20), 5 (£25) or 6 (£30) please email blakeschoolfriends@gmail.com Additional team members can be added on the night at £5 per person as long as the table is already booked. Tickets include cheese, biscuits and nibbles and your first drink. Wine, beer and soft drinks will be available all evening from the licensed bar.



We'd love to hear more of your thoughts about the Friends of the Blake School Association. Email us at blakeschoolfriends@gmail.com or like us on Facebook.



Funds raised this year

Total raised in 2017's first quarter: £6,837

We have achieved great things this year so far and hope to raise much more in 2017 with your help. We are currently fundraising to improve our outdoor spaces and playground. Any contributions from events organised will go towards this plus many more things for the children to enjoy. A huge thank you for all your support



The School will be holding its Summer Fete on Saturday 17th June at 12-3pm. As always there will be stalls, games, BBQ, crafts, raffle prizes, food, a bouncy castle and lots more fun for all the family. However, to run a big event like this, we need your help. If you can spare some time to help organise the fete, help man a stall or set up/ clear up, or you would simply like to donate prizes for the day, we really would appreciate it. Please email us at blakeschoolfriends@gmail.com

Help us raise more funds for Blake School by using these websites:

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

Recycle your inkjet cartridges and mobiles to help us raise money through:

www.recycle4charity.co.uk/Register/C_57299_YellowMoon

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

Stampastic: 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.stampastic.co.uk

Ready 4 an Easter Challenge?

We are raising money to improve our outdoor spaces and playground, so we're challenging every child to see who can fit the most different items into a plastic Easter egg. Details will come home with your child before the end of term.