



Friends of the
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NEWSLETTER – Summer 2016

At the end of another fabulous year of fundraising I would like to say a huge thank you to the wonderful team that is the Friends committee, and to the staff and leadership team at the Blake. They all give their time and energy so generously, and our results speak for themselves. This year we have raised a staggering £13,000 and more importantly we have spent it too, seeing the arrival of our first bank of iPads and many smaller items, such as coach trips and books. This all adds to the school experience for all our children, and we have to thank you, the parents, for turning up, spending, sponsoring and supporting all our efforts, and making this possible. As always at this time of year, we are saying goodbye to those committee members whose children are leaving the Blake, and their support and loyalty will be greatly missed. It also means, we are once again short-handed, and I do please ask you all to consider what part you could play within the Friends committee. We are all busy, with work, family and social commitments, but the rewards of offering even a few hours a term, are great. Please do get in touch if you would like to know more about what we do, and you can be assured of a warm welcome. Have a wonderful summer, and I hope to meet even more of you in the new term.

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

Yellow Moon 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.

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



Farewell to our Year 6 committee members who will be leaving us - Sharon Wise, Alex Bishop and Tim Beckett. You will all be greatly missed. We thank you sincerely for your years on the committee and your hard work and support at so many events over the years.

Also a fond Farewell to Year 6. We wish you all the best in your chosen secondary schools! You have worked hard on your stalls at the Advent Fair and Summer Fete, and have raised over £441 this year! We hope you all enjoyed your leavers' party. You deserved it!

NEW LIBRARY DISPLAY

Theme: Seen the movie? Now read the book.

To celebrate the launch of the BFG movie, we will ask the children to write a review, draw a picture or make something to celebrate books that have been made into movies. This covers a wide range of ages, themes, genres and abilities. The work will be used to make the display in the library, and we can offer a small prize to the best entries. (1 per year group). These are to be completed at leisure over the holidays.

We have achieved great things this year. After paying for all approved requests we are left with more than £4,500 towards another bank of iPads. This is wonderful and means hopefully we can order these in the Autumn term

Total raised in 2015/ 2016: £12,948.59
Total spend in 2015/ 2016: £11,738.20

Next year's fundraising challenge is bigger than ever, so rest over the Summer and be ready with your A-Game for the new term!



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!

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 by emailing: blakeschoolfriends@gmail.com or looking at our Facebook page...

