



Friends of Titchmarsh School

Registered Charity No. 1109834

Dear Parents

Well, the year has got off to a flying start with the Barn Dance & Pig Roast. The night was great, the weather couldn't have been better and the children were successfully worn out by the end of the night! We raised a magnificent £700; so thanks to everyone who contributed. Thanks as usual go to all who helped to set up on Saturday, including Sylvia, Michael and Rob. Thanks also to Penny for coming to help and opening up on Saturday and Sunday and, to all those who helped on the bar so they didn't have to get up and dance (you know who you are)! The night went that well that we are planning to hold it again next year, so keep Saturday 18th September 2010 free!

Our AGM was held on September 23rd and thanks go to Fiona Love who volunteered to be our new Vice Chairperson. Unfortunately, we are still seeking a Treasurer, so please, if you feel you could spare the time contact a member of the committee. Mel Skerritt has agreed to keep the role ticking over whilst still being Secretary, so if you would like to find out what would be involved please contact Mel or Sarah Reeves. The AGM and following meeting was productive and the following events were agreed and confirmed:

CD Bell order forms have gone out and will need to be returned by Friday 2nd October. They are due to be delivered on 14th October. Remember all orders raise money for the school.

The Halloween party will be at the clubroom on Thursday 22nd October. As usual this will be fancy dress for the children and optional fancy dress for adults. Prizes will be given on the night along with the usual fun stalls including: The Gunge Bucket, Doughnuts, Tattoos, and a Tombola as well as refreshments and food. Further information will go out in the bookbags in the next few weeks.

In November we have a bags2school collection booked. The bags will come home in bookbags the week beginning 9th November. Please start collecting unwanted clothing items now and give those wardrobes a clear out in time for Christmas!

That brings us to December, and along with the usual assistance with the twilight carol service and cooking Christmas dinner for the children on the last day of term; we will also be holding a Wreath Night on 14th December in conjunction with the Titchmarsh pre-school. It's a fun night where we can get together to make a wonderful wreath for Christmas, whilst having a glass, or two, of Mulled wine, a mince pie and a good time. The venue has not been agreed yet, so further details will follow.

Next year, we are hoping to hold a Beetle Drive on Saturday 23rd January, a dance at Barnwell Hall on Saturday 6th February, a Pamper Night on Friday 12th March and our usual Fun Day on Saturday 15th May. Please make a note of all these dates and we hope to see you there!

To follow on from the questionnaires that went out earlier this year, we are still planning to hold a dance in February, but pricing the tickets around £20 per person, to include a buffet and entertainment. We are currently looking into having a themed casino night, so if anyone knows of anyone who could provide such a service please let a member of the committee know. The general consensus was that people still wanted a dance but would not look to pay £30 per person.

Some questions were raised with regards to the venue that we use, and I hope that the following explanation will help. We hold this type of event at Barnwell due to the size of the venue and the fact that it has a stage. We would not be able to accommodate the amount of people and the entertainment into places such as the clubroom. We tend to make these events for adults as it has been suggested that we hold one event for adults only, where they can get dressed up, relax and have a drink without children around. Transport may be an issue for people to Barnwell, but I am sure that you could arrange to share taxis or even hire a minibus if there are enough of you travelling from the same area to do so.

Thank you for your continued support, until next time...

Tracey Levick
Chair of FOTS