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THE FRIENDS OF THE FLITCH GREEN ACADEMY

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The FFG are delighted to welcome you to our Autumn Newsletter with an extra special welcome to our new reception class children and parents – we hope your little ones are settling in well at the Academy. On Friday 22 July we finished off the school year with an amazing end of year party on a warm summers evening, waving goodbye to our year six children. The event raised a fantastic £1,561.00! We have started this year's activities off with a coffee morning for the new reception parents. After dropping their children off for their first day of school it was a great opportunity for the parents to get to know each other over a cuppa and a cake. We then held a welcome disco for the reception children, which they thoroughly enjoyed. The start of term been a busy time for the Friends of The Flitch Green Academy and we've got lots of news, updates and exciting events coming up so please do read on and make a note of the 'Dates for your Diary'!



News & Updates

NEW Committee

We held our Annual General Meeting on 19 September and we have pleasure in introducing our new voted in committee of Sarah Tuck (Chairperson), Emma Miles (Treasurer), Victoria Cripps (Secretary), Sheena Kendall, Sarah Boreham, Sarah Rider, Maria Swift, Laura Wilkie, Judy Clifford and Jennie Knight. We very much look forward to continuing the good work of the FFG and thank you all for your support.



CLASS Representatives

Class Representatives for 2016/17 have also now been announced. The role of the 'Class Representative' is to communicate between Friends of Flitch Green (FFG) and parents. Your Rep will be letting you know about FFG events, including the ever popular cake stalls. They can also pass on any feedback you have to FFG so if you have any comments or ideas for events, please let your Class Rep know. There is also a Facebook page for each class so keep an eye out for information on there too. A big thank you for all of our Class Reps for their hard work already so far!

NEW DATE A Night at the Races

Good news – there's still time to book! We've postponed this event to a Friday night in the hope that more families will be able to make it. The event will now be held on Friday 11th November. We wanted to take this opportunity to thank our nine event sponsors for all of their support; CH Accountancy Ltd, Don's of Dunmow, Pestell & Co Estate Agency, The Flitch House, Flitch Fitted, F J Staines, The Swan Inn, Hollington Doors and Flitch Travel.

XMAS Fair confirmed

The FFG are already working very hard planning the 2016 Christmas Fair on the 3rd December and have lots of exciting things organised! We'll be looking for volunteers to help run the event, if you're able to help please let your Class Rep know. More info can be found in the 'Dates for your Diary' section of this newsletter.

Where does all the money go?

2015/16 PURCHASES



Get in touch

Have you got a suggestion you'd like to add to our wish list? Get in touch and let us know.

In fact, feel free to contact us with any questions, ideas or feedback that you have - we'd love to hear from you!

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£ 92	Net Ball Bibs
£ 2,000	Lunchtime Equipment
£ 2,000	Early Years Foundation Stage Resources
£ 182	Forest School Clothing
£ 3,152	Key Stage 1 Reading Books
£ 3,500	Maths & PSHE Teaching Packs

2016/17 WISH LIST



- ✓ Defibrillator for the Academy
- ✓ Kits for the school sports teams

AUTUMN TERM DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

FRIDAY

**14
OCTOBER**

UNIFORM SALE

Good quality second hand uniform sale, with prices as low as 50p.

When and where?

Afterschool in the Discovery Centre (access via Reception).



CAKE STALL

Our popular cake stall returns! Donations needed from Reception and KS1 please.

When and where?

Afterschool in the playground (under the pagoda).



MONDAY

**31
OCTOBER**

HALLOWEEN FANCY DRESS DAY JOIN US IF YOU DARE

We are VERY excited that Halloween falls on a school day this year. Please come to school in your spookiest Halloween costume and bring a £1 donation on the day (adults welcome to do so too!).

£1

FRIDAY

**11
NOVEMBER**

A NIGHT AT THE RACES FUN FOR ALL OF THE FAMILY

18:30 START, 19:00 FIRST RACE, 21:30 FINISH | BRING YOUR OWN DRINKS AND SNACKS | 10 RACES, 8 HORSES PER RACE | A CHANCE TO OWN YOUR OWN JOCKEY / HORSE | AFFORDABLE £1 BETS | £2 PER PERSON / £5 FOR A FAMILY OF FOUR



MONDAY

**21
NOVEMBER**

SECOND HAND BOOK SALE

We are holding a second hand book sale afterschool in the Discovery Centre. If you have any books you'd like to donate please drop these off to the box in Reception.



SATURDAY

**03
DECEMBER**

CHRISTMAS FAIR 12pm – 3pm

(no entrance fee)

Please join us for mince pies, mulled wine, Christmas crafts, Santa's Grotto and browse the wonderful stalls we have lined up!

TEN REASONS TO GET INVOLVED!

The FFG consider any offer to help as really valuable, and it doesn't matter if it's not on a regular basis. There are always jobs to be done, whatever skills or contacts you have to offer. Why not come along to our **next committee meeting on Tuesday 15th November** or get in touch if you're interested in volunteering in some way. Here's some good reasons why you should...!

1. It's a great way to meet other families with children the same age as your own.

2. You'll experience feelings of self-worth through volunteering your time and seeing your efforts pay off in the smiles of your children and their friends.

3. You will become a greater part of your children's early learning experiences.

4. You can help raise money for a great cause – your children's education.

5. You'll get to know the teachers at school and to understand their needs and ideas.

6. You can be involved as little or as much as you choose.

7. Camaraderie

8. It's one more way to meet and talk with school administrators like the principle.

9. You can create and plan fun events for the whole family.

10. The number one reason? **WE NEED YOU!**

STILL AVAILIABLE Adventure Island Wristbands

Looking for something to do during October half-term? The FFG are selling Southend Adventure Island wristbands at a discounted rate. Buying from us is cheaper than pre-ordering online! **Call or message Sara on 07909 691917 to buy.**

BAND	RESTRICTION	RRP	OUR PRICE
BLUE	Over 1.2m	£28	£17
GREEN	1 – 1.2m	£23	£13
RED	Under 1m	£18	£13



Do you shop online?

Do it through easyfundraising.org.uk and raise a **free donation** for FFG every time you shop!

It's as easy as 1, 2, 3...

1. Head to this website and sign up:
www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/flitchgreen
2. Every time you shop online, go via easyfundraising first to find the site you want.
3. After you've checked out, that retailer will make a donation to FFG for **no extra cost** whatsoever!

There are no catches or hidden charges and FFG will be really grateful for your donations.

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That's it from us – thank you for reading! We hope you enjoy the rest of the autumn term, including all of the exciting events we have planned for you. Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

The FFG Team x