

# A message from the Friends

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#### Latest News

Hi everyone, we met last week for our first meeting of the year and were delighted to welcome Helen and Lisa to our team. No member of the Friends team wanted to take on the Chair role so the role will be shared by Fran, Julie and Sheree. Julie Surridge remains as Treasurer, and Fran Kurtz as Secretary. We are always looking for new members so please do come along to our next meeting, or contact us to see how you can get involved.

During the meeting we discussed many fundraisers for the rest of the year and have now booked discos for the Spring and Summer terms, a Bag2School collection, and a wreath making night (bring your own foliage) for November (see "dates for the diary" on p2).

Last week the Squirrel classroom had their new interactive whiteboard installed, fully funded by the Friends. Thank you to everyone who supported our events last year that funded this equipment which will benefit the children's learning experience.

# Our next event – Afternoon Tea - we need your help

Our next main event is our very popular Afternoon Tea on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October at 2.30 pm til 4pm.

Entry is £3 per adult, £1 per child (babies free).

Whilst we invite families to come and relax with <u>unlimited tea and cake</u> before collecting the children for the half term holidays, we will need some helpers to set up (from 1.15 pm) and serve on the day. If you are able to help, please contact us.

We also ask our families to support this very popular event by donating some cakes.

Get in touch with us via Facebook messenger: https://www.facebook.com/FriendsBarninghamSchool

We regularly update our Facebook page with details of all our fundraising activities. A list of current members is shown at the bottom of this newsletter, please find us in the playground to find out more.

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# **Current Fundraising**

We have a stock of **pre-loved uniform**. We love the concept of recycling to do our bit to save the planet; it saves you money and raises money for the school. If you require any items please contact us via our Facebook page. If you have any good quality uniform items that your child has outgrown, please consider donating to our stock (via the school office).

We have a small surplus stock of our personalised **Coronation Tea Towels** left over from the Summer. We are selling these at **£2 each**. Please contact the office or us via our Facebook page to purchase.

Do you have any **Christmas Jumpers** that your little ones have outgrown? If so, would you consider donating to the school? Each year at our Christmas Fayre we sell our donated jumpers at a low price – another opportunity to recycle, raise funds for school and grab a bargain. Please donate via the school office.

**Amazon Prime day 10 – 11<sup>th</sup> October** – we all love a bit of online shopping especially when there's a sale. If you are shopping at Amazon please consider accessing your account via **Easyfundraising.org.uk** (see below) so that we gain a few pennies (at no cost to you).

**Christmas Fayre / Raffle** – do you work for a business or know a business that would donate a prize for our Christmas raffle? This is always a big fundraiser for our school and we appreciate any donations that could be offered.

#### Fundraising focus this year:

#### Interactive whiteboard – Rabbit class

(Whiteboard for Owl class was funded in year ending July 2022 and whiteboards for Badger and Squirrel classes were funded last year). Loudspeaker – for use at outdoor events (sports days/fayres)

### Dates for the diary:

Afternoon Tea – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2.30 til 4pm Bag2School – Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November 9am Christmas Fayre – Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November 1 – 3pm Wreath Making evening – Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November 7pm Disco – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March – after school, timings to follow Easter Event – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2.30 til 4pm Afternoon Tea – Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2.30 til 4pm Summer Fayre – Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June 1 – 3pm Disco – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July – after school, timings to follow

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# Help us raise funds for free

## Social Media

Support our social media presence on Instagram, Facebook and Twitter by taking pictures at our events and tag them with **#friendsofbarninghamschool #fobs** so we can all enjoy your photos and memories **Facebook**: <u>https://www.facebook.com/FriendsBarninghamSchool/</u> **Twitter**: @BarninghamPTA **Instagram**: @friendsofbarninghamschool

We thank you for your continued support The Friends of Barningham School

Julie Surridge (parent Y4/Treasurer), Fran Kurtz (parent Y3/Secretary), Sheree Morris (parent Y4), April King (parent Y3), Marie Ruck (parent Y6 & Y3), Harriet Leeks (parent Y6 & Y2), Amy Allen (parent Y3), Naomi Shotbolt (parent Y3), Lisa Shelley (parent Y5), Helen Shelley (parent Y4). Former pupil parent friends: Nikki Cameron, Sarah Elliston, Tracy Hurrell

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