A message from the Friends

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Latest News

Thank you to everybody who entered our **Pumpkin Carving Competition**. There were some fantastic entries and it was difficult to judge. Well done to our winner, I hope you enjoy your goody bag.

Please remember we have a **Bag2School collection** coming next week on **Thursday 16th November**. Please bring your bagged good quality but no longer needed clothing items to the Bardwell Road entrance by 9am that day. We are sorry but we cannot store items at the school ahead of this date. For details of what can / cannot be donated: What We Collect | Bag2School

Christmas Fayre – appeal for donations

We are now preparing for one of our busiest events of the year – our Christmas Fayre which is on **Saturday 25th November from 1 til 3 pm**.

As always, in order to make this a successful event we are asking for donations that we can use to raise funds for the school. We have received some fantastic prizes for our raffle and we are grateful to those local businesses that have donated.

Tombola – if you have any items that are suitable for a tombola that you are able to donate can you please place them in the box that is in Reception at school

Toy tombola – we are looking for donations of good quality unwanted toys

Class boxes:

   Rabbits – Red / **Squirrels – Green** / **Badgers – Silver/White** / **Owls – Gold**

We love the very popular class box raffle; for those who have not experienced this before, we ask each child to donate something to their class box in that colour. Examples include, candle, chocolate, soap, ornament, the possibilities are truly endless. The result is a unique and lovely box of wonderful goodies that we raffle at the school fayre.

We are also looking for donations of:
Christmas jumpers / **Christmas decorations** for our grotto / **a clothes rail** to display our pre-loved items

If you run a small business and would be interested in having a pitch at our fayre, please get in touch.

To grow in faith, grow in our learning and grow our future world

Christmas Fayre – appeal for volunteers

Most importantly, we are looking for **volunteers to help us on the day**. Setting up the fayre is an incredible amount of work and more hands really help. If you can spare an hour or two to help us on the Saturday morning, we would be very grateful. We are also asking for **volunteers to run a stall for an hour** during the event and we will circulate a sign up schedule over the next few days. Please do sign up so that we, with your help, can make this a great fundraising event for our school.

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.

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. We have just updated the latest stock list to our Facebook page. If you require any items please contact us. 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.

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:

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

Help us raise funds for free

Sign up to **https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/fobcevcps** and make Friends of Barningham School your chosen charity and they will donate a small percentage of your purchase cost to us (at no cost to you). Just use the app or website every time you shop online. Hundreds of retailers have signed up including Amazon, Argos, Next, Ebay, John Lewis, M&S, Just Eat, TUI, Trainline and many, many more……. They also give a lump sum to us if accessed to compare and change insurance or utility providers.

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: https://www.facebook.com/FriendsBarninghamSchool/
Twitter: @BarninghamPTA
Instagram: @friendsofbarninghamschool

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

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Former pupil parent friends: Nikki Cameron, Sarah Elliston, Tracy Hurrell