

A message from the Friends



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Thank you

Hi everybody, welcome back to a new school year, we hope you enjoyed the summer holidays. Last year we ended the school year having raised an incredible record breaking £4,900.

We are very grateful to all our supporters who attended our fundraisers, made cakes, and/or donated items for our tombolas and raffles, and/or gave their time to help us manage our events. We were also awarded £1,000 from the Tesco Stronger Starts Groundworks scheme last year which helped us achieve this total. With your support we raised enough funds to purchase two interactive whiteboards and some other equipment for the school. Please see the picture at the end of this newsletter to see how these funds were raised.

This year we are focused on fundraising for new library/reading resources and books and, over the longer term, to purchase new outdoor play equipment.

We are looking for new members

The Friends are a group of busy parents and friends of the school who arrange fundraising events (such as fayres, ice cream Fridays, and discos) throughout the year to generate extra funds to buy resources to benefit the children at Barningham CEVC Primary School.

Over the years we have raised funds to buy many things including interactive whiteboards for each classroom, a supply of laptops for the classrooms, blinds for the school hall, picnic benches for the playground, and a new sandpit. We also fund school hoodies for our Y6 leavers, as well as small gifts at special occasions. With each passing year as Y6 children move onto secondary school, we lose members, and therefore in order to continue organising fun events for the children and their families, we need new members to join us. Our first meeting this year is on Wednesday 25th September at 6pm at Barningham Village Hall, please do join us, we would love to see you.

If you are unable to attend meetings but have fundraising suggestions, or can help us at our main events (such as the Christmas and Summer Fayres) please do let us know. We cannot arrange these events without your help.

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.



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Current Fundraising

This early in the term we have yet to fully organise any fundraising events, however, we took advantage of the good weather last week and held an **ice-cream Friday**. Thank you for supporting us, the children love it and last week we raised £37. We have also announced the results of our Tallest Sunflower Competition that we launched last April; thank you to all that took part and well done to our winners. Prizes will be awarded in assembly this week. We are also looking at launching our Pumpkin Carving Competition later this half term

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).

Fundraising focus this year:

New reading corner/library resources and books for each classroom Outdoor play equipment

Provisional dates for the diary:

Friends Meeting – Wednesday 25th September 6pm, Barningham Village Hall Pumpkin Carving Competition – week ending Friday 25th October 2024 Christmas Fayre – Saturday 28th November 2024 Disco – Friday 28th February 2025 Easter Event – Friday 28th March 2025 Summer Fayre – Saturday 28th June 2025 Disco – Friday 11th July 2025

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.

If you shop at **Asda** and have an Asda Rewards App, please consider linking up to the Cashpot for Schools scheme and selecting Barningham CEVC Primary School as your chosen school. With every purchase where you scan the Rewards App, Asda will make a small donation to our school at no extra cost to you.



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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**