

Friends of Florendine



Newsletter October 2009

Thank you to all who attended the Annual General Meeting. The new committee were elected as follows:

Chairperson	Jane Rowley (Katie & Owen)
Vice Chairperson	Helen Batchelor (Lucy & Sam)
Secretary	Lou Davenport (Jonah)
Treasurer	Andrea Smith (Ellicia & Sammuel)
Publicity	Kerry Preston (Rylee & Brad)
Additional members	Nicky George (William & Emma)
	Maria Allen (Dominic & Jamie)
	Sue Gibson (Matthew)
	Jo Coady (Ryan)
	Charlotte Lovecliff (Drew)
	Lyndsey Field (Ethan)
	Joanne Jones (Kieran)
	Debbie Wallace (Callum)
	Viv Deeley (Eleanor & Thomas)

Christmas Cards

The children will again be designing Christmas cards this year and these have been distributed to the classes for the children to prepare. As soon as they are back we will let you have them to view and buy. They will cost £5.00 per pack.

School Discos - Tickets

This year we have decided to try a new idea for the discos which will hopefully enable us to get the children inside much quicker and help us with the paperwork for gift aid which we claim for each child attending. The children will need to bring in the entrance fee for the disco on **Friday 9th October**. The money should be put in an envelope and their name, class and most importantly DISCO written on the envelope. We will then collect this money and distribute tickets ready for the disco on the following Wednesday. Children who don't purchase a ticket will still be able to pay on the evening but I'm sure you will agree the quicker the children get into the disco the better especially in the darker nights. I am enclosing Gift Aid forms and would be grateful, if you haven't already, if you could fill these out for all the children you have at the school at the present time and return with the money for the disco. If you pay for a ticket and then are unable to attend we will refund the money.

Wednesday 14th October 2009 - School Disco - 6.30-8.00pm

This Disco is for Years 1-6 only. Reception children will be invited later in the year

Entrance £1.50 – Includes Free Drink
Professional DJ
Tuck Shop (Sweets, drinks & crisps – 5p, 10p & 20p)
Games Room (10p & 20p)
Raffle (10p)

Any parents wishing to stay and help will be most welcome. Please speak to a member of the Friends group or leave your name and contact number with Mrs Patterson in the office.

Please ensure that your children are collected at **8.00pm** prompt. No child will be allowed to leave unaccompanied.

Ladies Evening Wednesday 11th November 7-10pm

This will again be a pamper night with stalls selling ideas for Christmas. A perfect time to relax, enjoy a drink, chat and perhaps purchase that all-important gift. Tickets will go on sale on Monday 2nd November. More details to follow

Chocoholics

For all of you who like chocolate this is for you. We will again be selling/ordering chocolate at our Ladies evening but have decided to try and open it up to all parents this year. The Friends will be attending both Parents Evenings so that you can have a look at the chocolates and place any orders from the brochures. We will also be in school on Wednesday 4th November till about 9.30am, in the entrance hall, for you to have a look at the chocolate once you have dropped the children off. We will put a photo of a selection of chocolates on the Friends section of the Florendine Website for you to see and the website address for you to have a look. Unfortunately we cannot send everyone a brochure as we only have a limited amount. The school receives commission on all sales made. All orders will need to be made before the Ladies evening on 11 November.

Christmas Fundraising

Our Christmas fundraising is now starting, as most of you will be well under way with the preparations. This fundraiser doesn't involve you giving the school any money at all. If you do your shopping online please consider using www.Thegivingmachine.co.uk. . Once registered onto this site you can access various companies including Amazon, Play.com, Next and many more. In return all of these companies give a donation of what you spend back to the school. This is an easy way to add additional funds to the school. You must register and access the companies through the giving machine though, just logging onto Amazon wont trigger the donation. Please have a look and add the **Giving Machine** to your toolbar.

Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 11th November - Ladies evening Christmas preparations

Tuesday 24th November – Non-uniform day for Christmas Fayre (details to follow)

Friday 27th November – Christmas Fayre – 5.30-7.30pm