



Friends of Ashley School

lending a helping hand

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Dear Parents,

The Friends of Ashley would just like to say a big thank you to you all this year for your amazing support at all of this year's events. We have had a busy fundraising year and we have raised approximately £16,500. This has been from a combination of events such as the Christmas shopping afternoon, Christmas Bazaar, Children's discos, Race night, Happy Circus, Summer Fete along with smaller fundraisers such as the 100 Club, Phil the Bag, Christmas cards, Ashley Plum puddings and Second hand uniform. I hope you agree that there has been a wide variety of events with something for everyone to enjoy.

The reason that the FOA raises all this money is so that we can provide additional resources to the school and compliment and enhance the enjoyment and learning experiences of all our children. So far this year we have contributed £6,000 towards the new mobile devices being used by the children in school, £1,000 towards musical instruments and each class has been given contributions totalling £650 over three terms to assist with school trips, workshops and other resources. (You will find a breakdown of the how the money has been spent by each year group at the end of this letter). The FOA have also contributed £1,000 to the 'Feeling Good Week' which has just taken place and finished with their carnival performances at the Summer Fete. Did you know that the FOA also pay for school ties for the Infant children going up to Juniors and Dictionaries for our Yr6 Leavers?

Many of you came along to Ashstock at the weekend which was organised by a small committee of parents and is a thank you for all the support each and every one of you has given to the school and the Friends of Ashley this year.

In order for the Friends of Ashley to continue the contributions to each class we are looking for willing volunteers to take on various fundraisers from September. We are looking for volunteers to organise the Christmas Bazaar which will taking place on Saturday 6th December, run the second hand uniform stall on a more regular basis, sell school fleeces and assist with the planning and organisation for an Ashley School cookbook.

If you would like to get involved or want to find out more about the FOA then please come along to the next meeting on Monday 22nd September or to our Cheese & Wine AGM on Thursday 9th October both starting at 8pm in the school hall.

Below is our initial schedule for the Autumn term :

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| New Parents welcome tea | Saturday 4 th October | 2-4pm |
| Phil the Bag | Saturday 8 th November | |
| Christmas Bazaar | Saturday 6 th December | 12-3pm |
| Children's Christmas Discos | Date tbc | |

We are always eager to hear of new ideas for fundraising activities so if you have an idea then please come along to one of the FOA meetings. Our meetings are very informal and you can join in as much or as little as suits you. It would be lovely to see lots of new faces either at the meeting in September or at future meetings.

I hope you all have a wonderful summer and thank you again for your generosity of both time and money, which is what makes Ashley School such a very special place.

Kind regards,
Karen Barlow, FOA Chair

Friends of Ashley summary of class expenditure from September 2013 to March 2014

| Year Group | | Total |
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| R | Maths Den Shed | |
| | Maths Den resources | |
| | Cuddle Me do Farm visit | £ |
| | Egg project resources (part) | 750 |
| 1 | Coach to Chertsey Museum | |
| | Chertsey Museum | |
| | Construction Games | |
| | Maths Games | £ |
| | Yr 1 Outdoor area | 831 |
| 2 | Puppet Workshops | |
| | Chertsey Museum (part) | |
| | Greatt Fire of London Workshops (part) | £ |
| | | 836 |
| 3 | Roman Days | |
| | Roman Banquet | |
| | Rainforest Wildlife Visit | |
| | Chertsey Museum | £ |
| | Drumming Workshops (part) | 798 |
| 4 | Hampton Court Palace | |
| | Bore Hall Organic Farm | |
| | Space Topic | £ |
| | Astronomer Visit | 843 |
| 5 | Festival of Light Lanterns | |
| | Bollywood Dance | |
| | Part of Southall trip | |
| | Kite Making | £ |
| | Indian Topic Feast | 800 |
| 6 | Ice Block Sculpture | |
| | Ice Artist | |
| | Sky Skill Studio (part) | £ |
| | Henly Fort (part) | 825 |