



CHESTER PARK
JUNIOR SCHOOL

FRIENDS OF CHESTER PARK JUNIOR SCHOOL

Dear parents and carers,

Following the Friends AGM on Monday I am sad to say that as no chairperson was nominated and only four parents attended the meeting, the Friends of Chester Park Junior School were unable to be reconstituted. As you are aware, the Friends have supported the school over many years and have provided much needed funds to support additional resources for the school. Most recently they have raised funds for the installation of the trim trail at the rear of the school.

In 2016-2017 the Friends organised a number of discos, the Christmas Singalong, Fish and Chip Quiz, celebrations linked to the old building, Summer Fayre and Year 6 Leavers' party. They supported Needlecraft Club, Gardening Club and Choir financially last year. Refreshments were provided by the Friends at Parent and Teacher Consultation Evenings. In addition to this they have bought Leavers Books for last year's leavers.

As a result of the AGM, the Friends has been dissolved and therefore this will impact on the school community in a number of ways. There will be no discos, no summer fayre, no quiz, no sing-a-long. Refreshments will not be provided during parental consultation evenings. Leavers' books will not be provided for Year Six and there will be no leavers' party. The let's Get Cooking Club have requested funding to support the club but unfortunately without a Friends this cannot happen.

I know that many of you will be disappointed that such wonderful events and opportunities for your children will be lost but without having a Friends group, which is a registered charity, there is no way for them to continue. I would like to extend my thanks to the small group of parents, who devoted their time to make the Friends a real success.

This does not have to be the end for the Friends of Chester Park. YOU can still make a difference! In order for the Friends to continue it does need to have a chairperson. Once the Friends have a chair then a series of events to support your children can be organised. If you would like to meet me to discuss an alternative way forward in which the Friends could continue to be a valuable part of the Chester Park Junior School Community I would love to see and hear from you. I have booked a meeting on Monday 25th September straight after school. If you are interested but are unable to make this meeting please let the school office know.

I sincerely hope that I am overwhelmed with people wanting to ensure the Friends continues and look forward to seeing you next Monday. If you are interested in becoming the chair but want more information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours in partnership

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