

NEWSLETTER

F.R.O.G.S

Friends of Godshill School



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

- 24th November
Cake & Sweet
Sale after school
- 8th December
Xmas Fayre
- 14th December
Xmas Disco

Dear Parents/Carers,

Can you believe we are already heading towards Christmas, it doesn't feel like two minutes ago we were all enjoying the summer fayre at Rookley.

You may recall that the FROGS team were on a mission to fundraise as much money as possible to provide some new equipment for the early years play area. Well I am pleased to update you that we not only achieved this goal, but also went one step further and with the help of a number of volunteers, and staff we managed to redevelop the whole area. Some photos are further down this newsletter but please accept our thanks for your support as without this it would not have been possible.

The team have been very busy planning some of the up and coming events which include a Christmas Fayre and Disco, please do support this in anyway you can.

Finally, we are currently working with the school to understand what project are next as we are very keen to keep the enthusiasm going and make our school the best it can possibly be.

Thank you,

Team FROGS

Early Years Play Area:

Here are a few photos of the area and what changes were made:

- New play surface
- New artificial grass area
- Climbing frame
- 4 x Outdoor Learning sheds
- A new mud kitchen (built by Ash Bravery)
- A new bike shed
- Redeveloped the mud kitchen area
- New outdoor chalkboards



Fundraising updates:

This year we have raised over **£6000** and this is how we raised it:

- Discos
- Summer fayre
- Donation from the Lions Club (£1000)
- Donation from Leigh Willis (Tropics)
- Cake and Sweet sale
- Someone special day
- Raffles
- Easy Fundraising website

Donations from parents are extremely important. You can donate time, money, items for sale, raffle prizes and auction lots or offers of services and skills.

Astra Recycling

We received approximately £250 per year by hosting the clothes recycling unit at the front of the school. We are paid per Kilo so the more we receive the more money we are paid. We therefore encourage parents/carers/grandparents and friends to spread the word.



Big brands like Tesco, Amazon, M&S, Booking.com, eBay, Argos, John Lewis, Baker Ross, Clarks and 7,000 others want to give back to schools. So when someone shops online with them, the brand gives back a percentage of what that online shopper spends to your PTA; for free. It is very easy and although we have only recently signed up to this we are already receiving a lot of funding via this source and its great for parents as you can see what you have raised. See poster attached for further details.

How we spend the money we raise

The PTA committee are responsible for deciding how our PTA funds are spent. Usually the School Leadership Team provide a 'wish list' of items that the school would like us to consider funding.

We also invite input from parents too, so if you have an idea of something that would benefit all the students in the school, please do share it with the Committee. We can discuss it at a meeting and feedback.

Funds are typically spent on the 'extras' that are not provided by the school's budget, thus making our children's learning experiences so much more fulfilling and exciting. Funds are not generally spent on improving the fabric of the school building, as this is the responsibility of the school. Our Constitution commits the association to spending money on things that will benefit the children directly.

Some of the items we have donated to the school are listed below

- **Christmas presents**
- **House point shop prizes**
- **Easter gifts**
- **Major refurbishment to Early Years area**
- **Year 6 leavers event**



The FROGS team are always looking to recruit new volunteers. We know the classic image of a cake baking PTA parent isn't for everyone but it's not all about the cakes... PROMISE!

Your help no matter how small could make a BIG difference. This could be:

- Wrapping presents
- Helping to seek gifts/donations
- Event preparation - tables put up, chairs put out, gazebos, and tablecloths etc.
- Making posters for events
- Serving Refreshments at events (even if its only one event)
- And finally baking a cake... 😊

If you think you or a family member/friend could help please do either get in touch with one of on the Facebook page or via our email:

frogsiow23@gmail.com



Christmas Fayre

Godshill Primary School

8th December 2023

3.15pm – 5.30pm

Stall holders needed. Only 6 spaces

£10 per stall. Please email frogsiow23@gmail.com

Donations for raffle prizes and games needed.

Please support what is planned to be an amazing event.



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