



*Friends of the*  
**Blake School Association**

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**NEWSLETTER 1 - Autumn Term 2019**

**KEEP IN TOUCH:**  
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**FACEBOOK:**  
 Friends of the Blake School Association

**CHAIRPERSON:**  
 Sarah Hubbard

The Friends are a collection of parents here to raise money for the school, as well as to help enrich the lives of the whole school community. We're a friendly bunch & can often be found in school helping out, everyday in the playground, or at any one of our fundraising events. Have you always wondered how you can get involved but simply haven't had the time/money/chance to contribute?

***There are lots of ways in which you can help & we would love you to get involved:***

**TIME:** We always need helpers at our events, not only on the day, but preparation in the run up to them. If you (or any family/friends) can help with marketing / fundraising ideas / event organising / sorting through donations / labelling tombolas / setting up..... please get in touch or look out for event sign-up sheets in your classrooms.

**MONEY:** We know you're busy, so if you would rather make a donation than bake a cake/fill a swag bag/attend an event then all contributions are gratefully received & can be made via Paypal to [blakeschoolfriends@gmail.com](mailto:blakeschoolfriends@gmail.com)

**SKILLS:** Can you sew? Or teach cricket? Or do face painting? Or lead extreme survival camps? Or maybe you know someone we could talk to? Whatever your personal interests, it could be something that could benefit the kids & be put to good use for the school. Let us know!

**WHO'S WHO**

THE CORE COMMITTEE

Sarah Hubbard	<i>Chair</i>
Kerry Hyatt (Charlotte Hughes)	<i>Vice Chair</i>
David Burgoyne	<i>Treasurer</i>
Stacey Harrison	<i>Secretary</i>
Richeldis Castree/ Charlotte Hughes / Katie Amiri	<i>Communications</i>
Katie Amiri	
Charlotte Glover	
Chris Longson	
Sam Sadler	
Hazel Stratford	
Jen Webster	
Rachel Jones	
Katie Burgoyne	
Ellen Maskell	

The Core Committee meets once per half term to plan ongoing events and to coordinate activities. If you would be interested in joining the Core Committee then please contact : [friends@blake.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:friends@blake.oxon.sch.uk)

**EVERYONE IS WELCOME**



**QUIZ NIGHT**

**FRIDAY 18th OCTOBER**

*Doors open 7.30pm for 8pm start. Maximum of 6 people in a team.*

**SCHOOL DISCO**

**FRIDAY 15th NOVEMBER**

PLEASE NOTE THE EARLIER TIMINGS!

- Reception - Yr 2 (5-6pm)
- Yr 3 - Yr 6 (6.30-7.30pm)

**ADVENT FAIR**

**SATURDAY 30th NOVEMBER**

More details on all of these will follow!

**ONGOING FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES**

*These are all explained in more detail overleaf, so please support wherever & whenever you can. Every donation counts!*

**BETTER COMMUNICATION - CLASS REPS**

This year the Friends are continuing to have a Class Rep in each class, so that you all have a friendly face in the playground who can keep you informed of Friends' activities. These are listed for you on the next page, just in case you've not heard from your class rep yet.

## CLASS REPS

Reception - Mrs Moss	Nicky Cayley
Reception - Mrs Rowlands	Anna Newton
Yr 1 - Mrs Castree	Penny Bennett
Yr 1 - Mr Noble	Jen Webster
Yr 2 - Miss Hinkins	Vikki Hardlett
Yr 2 - Mrs Rump	Jen Reynolds
Yr 3 - Mrs Usher-Wilson	Jo Cassar
Yr 3 - Mrs Hayes	Ellen Maskall
Yr 4 - Mr Hope	Sarah Hubbard
Yr 4 - Miss Robertson	Katie Amiri
Yr 5 - Miss Hallowell	Charlotte Glover
Yr 5 - Mrs Lynch	Lisa Benson
Yr 6 - Miss Main	Chris Longson
Yr 6 - Mrs Powell	Karen Williams

## RECENT WORK



### **Christmas Cards**

Look out for your sample card & order form in your child's book bag today – **Orders by WEDNESDAY 16<sup>th</sup> October please!**

### **YEAR ONE OUTSIDE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT**

We are delighted that the Friends have been able to contribute to the new outside learning environment in Year One and look forward to hearing how it enhances the children's learning experience. Pictures to follow when it has been constructed by the Year One team.

### **RECEPTION BOOK BAGS**

We are delighted that the Friends have been able to provide every child in the new Reception year group with a brand new book bag, to give them the best start in the Blake Primary School.

## COMMUNICATION

Following your feedback, we are aiming to drive the main communication of events through the Friends Facebook page, as opposed to the class Facebook pages.

To ensure you don't miss out on any of the wonderful events or opportunities, please like and follow our page on Facebook:

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## ONGOING ACTIVITIES

### EasyFundraising.com

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/blakeceschool/>

Easyfundraising is an entirely free service that allows people to shop directly at their favourite online store, via the links on the [easyfundraising.org.uk](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk) website, and raise a donation for their school cause once a purchase is made. Donations can be up to 15% of the value of your purchase, depending on the retailer and the item purchased. There are thousands of stores that are already participating, so please click the link above & sign up if you haven't done so already!



Raise free donations for us every time you shop online with easyfundraising!



### Recycle4Charity

<http://www.recycle4charity.co.uk/Register/C57299>

Recycle your old inkjet cartridges and mobile phones into cash for school. Maybe your employer would like to support this too? Businesses can order collection boxes via the website.

### Stamptastic

[www.stamptastic.co.uk](http://www.stamptastic.co.uk)

As well as clothing, you can name drink bottles, lunchboxes, shoes...all with the press of a stamp.

Remember to use the code OX283FR at the checkout & we will receive 20% of your purchase to add to our funds.

## PAYPAL DONATIONS

All contributions most welcome - Thank you!

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