

Friends of Westbury School



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Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to you to appeal for new parents to take over from myself as Chair and Lydia Redding as Secretary on the Friends of Westbury School (PTA) Committee in September. Kerry Jones will be continuing as Treasurer.

I am sure you will agree that our children experience many benefits and enjoyment from the events organised by the Friends of Westbury School and from the contributions to the school by money raised at those events. For example, this school year we have organised a successful Christmas Craft Fair, the fabulous Westbury's Got Talent show, a school disco, a Stargazing Evening and refreshments and support for Theme Celebrations and the Nativity. We are also helping with the school's production of The Wizard of Oz and will be putting on a barbeque at the end of term celebration. In terms of money raised, so far this academic year, we have raised over £3000 and have given £1000 to the school Governors for capital projects, £1600 towards School trips & Theme based projects and a new carpet and audio equipment in Class 1. We are also hoping to give the school a substantial donation towards other specific projects.

As with any worthwhile cause, being involved in the Committee does involve a degree of hard work and commitment, but this is easily compensated by the satisfaction of seeing how much the children enjoy the events we help to organise, and the extras that we have been able to buy for them with the money that we raise, for example the leavers hoodies and meal, books at Christmas, Mother's Day flowers and a gift for Reception children.

All of the present Committee are busy working parents who have children at the school and are trying to balance the demands of work and family. Lydia and I both have children leaving the school this September or in the next few years and as we have been involved in the Committee for two years or more, we have decided it is now time for us to step down and let some new parents take over. (We will still be around to offer a helping hand though).

If you want to get involved and make a big difference to your child's future please come along to our next Committee meeting on **Wednesday 24 April 2019 at 7.30pm** at The Lyon Inn, Westbury Village and find out what's involved. If no new parents express an interest in taking over these two roles of committee members (i.e. Chair and Secretary) then the charity itself will have to fold, which will be a great shame as it will be the children who miss out!. Don't be put off if you hate the idea of being on a 'Committee'. Meetings are infrequent (approximately 4 a year) and lots of the event organisation can be done by emails/text or by speaking to people at the school gates! Remember "**Many hands make light work!**" – so the more parents who get involved the better!

Best wishes

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