

Dear Parents and Carers

Message from FOWS - Meeting Summary

Another well-attended Friends meeting occurred on Friday 9th November in the school hall. A list of committee members and their contact details was compiled, including some who cannot attend meetings but who are willing to help out at events.

Fireworks

The recent Bonfire and Fireworks evening was discussed and the news that it has raised a brilliant £1854.56, was shared. Thanks to all who helped or attended to make this a really successful evening. Some pointers for next year were discussed, such as positioning the bar in the main room, serving more tea and cake and having some music in the hall.

Social media

It was suggested that the Friends have a Facebook page but there is already one in existence (search 'Friends of Winkleigh School') with 115 members. It is used to advertise up-an-coming events and as a reminder platform for various school events.

The Friends profile on the school website was also reviewed with some minor alterations made. A link will be added to the Friends Easyfundraising account and instructions, which is a hassle-free way to ensure funds for school when shopping online.

Toys for fair

There was a reminder that we need clean and complete toys, games and puzzles for the Friends stall at the school Christmas Fair on Nov 30th.

Bags of Help

The bags for the clothes collection should go out to families this week, although black bin bags can be used, ready for delivery to school on Friday 16th Nov and Monday 19th Nov before the company collect them on Tuesday 20th Nov.

Bacon Rolls For Businesses

Then discussions turned to the organisation of some of the events in the new year. The date for the bacon roll morning for local businesses was decided as Friday 1st Feb with order forms being distributed 2 weeks before and collected 1 week before.

Mother's Day

The Mother's Day pamper evening will now be a Ladies Clothes evening in Winkleigh Village Hall at the end of March. Tickets to the event will be sold at £10 per person to include wine and nibbles. Some local ladies will model some of the clothes, all brand new and from high street stores such as Marks and Spencer, Zara, White Stuff and Top Shop, at 30% to 60% reduced. Clothes will be available to purchase and take away on the night. An ideal event to treat hard working mums too.

Mother's and Father's Day Gifts

Searching out suitable items for the Mothers and Father's Day gifts for the children to purchase was discussed and, at the next meeting, there will be a laptop with internet access available to facilitate this.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held in the school hall on Friday 10th January at 9am, all welcome.

Thank you,
Mrs J Winsor
Reception Teacher and FOWS Committee Member