

Friends of Moorlands

September 2018 Newsletter

Welcome back to school! We thought we would send out an update regarding all the exciting things happening with Friends of Moorlands. We know it can be tricky to get to meetings but hopefully this will give you an idea about the things we've been planning. Our contact details can be found at the end if you would like to get in touch.

AGM

Thanks to everyone that made it to the AGM, we got through a lot of information and most importantly, we elected our committee for 2018/9.

Chair: Claire Hines

Vice Chair: Mandy Hilton

Joint Treasurer: Marie Tranter

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Joint Secretary: Emma McMurtry

Joint Secretary: Claire Kershaw

We're really grateful to the volunteers who have agreed to become committee members and it's great to see people sharing the roles so that we can spread the work!

Secondhand Uniform

If you have any uniform you no longer need, we would be grateful to receive it. Jenny Thompson is doing a fantastic job of sorting it so please arrange to drop it off with her or speak to the Moorlands office staff.

If you would like to buy any uniform, please let us know what you're looking for and keep an eye on the Facebook page where Jenny has been advertising our stock.

Easy Fundraising

Please don't forget about Easy Fundraising as it's a really simple way for us to raise some much-needed funds. You can download an app or a reminder for every time you shop online. Take a look at www.easyfundraising.org.uk for all the information.

Film Night

Our next event will be a Film Night. We're considering the film Hotel Transylvania 2. Does anyone have it on DVD? Thanks!

Guided Walk

Our first event of the year was a Guided Walk lead by Moorlands parent Chris Kastavunis. It was a lovely day and it even stayed dry. A really big thank you to the Kastavunis family, we are hoping to organise another walk in the future.



Your School Lottery

The School Lottery is working really well and we are on track to raise £1,000 this year. Don't forget that 40% of money raised goes straight back to school and there are two opportunities to win every week, with a guaranteed winner from our school every weekend. If you'd like to sign up to the Lottery, go to www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/moorlands-junior-school

Chill Factor

We had a fantastic trip to the Chill Factor last academic year and we'd really like to repeat the experience. We would also like to take advantage of discounted lessons and other opportunities there. We need someone to look into the options and organise these trips. Could you help? Please get in touch.

Going Cashless

At the AGM we discussed the idea of FoM going 'cashless'. This would mean that you could pay for events and possibly volunteer online rather than sending cash or cheques to the office. We'd like to hear what you think. We want to make life easier for parents, the office staff and our FoM volunteers.

The system used by Friends of Templemoor - 'PTA Events' could be an option but you would need a new logon for FoM. Alternatively, you might need to get to know a new system. What do you think? So far the feedback has been overwhelmingly in favour of moving to online but please let us know your views - moorlandsfom@gmail.com

TempleMoorlands Recipe Book

We have Recipe Books available at £5 each. Please let us know if you would like one. They make lovely stocking fillers!

Funds Raised

In 2017/18 we raised a fantastic **£5,975.46!** That is a 5% increase on 2016/7. Well done everyone! We now have enough money to proceed with the next phase of the redevelopment of our outdoor space but we won't stop there! We now need to raise money for the next phase which will hopefully include an outdoor stage!

Community Fundraising Applications

As you may know there are many opportunities for charities to apply for grants and donations towards specific projects. We would love to take advantage of some of these but we need someone to look into it and coordinate these applications with school. Could you help? Please let us know.

The Environment

This academic year we are going to try hard to reduce our single-use plastic consumption. We will use up any of our current stock but we will then be looking to replace it with environmentally friendly options. If you have any ideas around this, please let us know. We may ask you to bring your own cup to events!

Dates for your Diary!

Wednesday 3rd October, 7.30pm	Next Meeting at the Legh Arms
Thursday 11th October, 5.30pm-7.30pm	Film Night
Thursday 29th November, 5.30pm-7.30pm	Make & Take
Saturday 1st December	Templemoor Christmas Fair
Friday 14th December, 3.30pm	Moorlands Christmas Fair
Friday 29th March, in school time	Mother's Day Gift Shop
Friday 14th June, in school time	Father's Day Gift Shop
Friday 28th June, 5.30pm	Friends of Moorlands Summer BBQ
Saturday 6th July	Templemoor Summer Fair

Next Meeting

We will be getting together to discuss Film Night and Make & Take at the Legh Arms on Wednesday 3rd October at 7.30pm, all welcome, don't worry if you haven't been to a meeting before.

Thank you so much to everyone that has managed to come to our meetings, to the staff for being so supportive and to the previous FoM committee for guiding us in the right direction.

Please get in touch if you have any questions or ideas for future events and don't forget that we always need helpers!

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