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Friends of Duxford School

# Friends of Duxford School Newsletter



## A newsletter of many firsts...

This is the very first newsletter from the newly named 'Friends of Duxford School' previously known as the PTA group. The new committee for 2015/16 has been appointed and this is an opportunity to introduce them to you all and let you know about some of the exciting things Friends of Duxford School has planned for the year ahead!

## Welcome!

Friends of Duxford School has a brand new committee!



Victoria Roper  
Chair



Zoe Burns  
Vice Chair



Stephen Roper  
Treasurer



Jo Wallis  
Secretary

## Save the Date!

**Friends Social Evening**  
**20<sup>th</sup> November**

Don't forget to RSVP!  
Canapés, wine, beer and entertainment. 7-9 pm.

**Festive Christmas Fair**  
**4<sup>th</sup> December**

Contact Carolyn Meadows to find out how you can help!

**School Disco**  
**29<sup>th</sup> January**

Jo Smit and Zoe Burns are coordinating this popular event, volunteers needed!

We are always interested in your input! To find out more about us and to get involved with F.O.D.S. please email [Duxford.pta@gmail.com](mailto:Duxford.pta@gmail.com)





## Duxford Airdays

### Spring & Summer 2016

As many of you already know our biggest fundraisers are the Duxford Airshows in the spring / summer. Our school is incredibly lucky to raise so much money over those 6 days, so making sure they continue to run smoothly is crucial. These are fun days and the children love getting involved, especially as they get a "Airday Helper Award" from Mrs Gould for their efforts!

There are a number of roles you can support these with, from baking goods to BBQ, counting the money, setting up or packing down... Commit just one hour of your time twice a year and watch the children continue to reap the benefits. The funds this year were record breaking – more than double the national average of £8,000 - funding amongst other things:

- The amazing mural in the hall;
- The school trip to the seaside;
- The mosaic art in KS1;
- The pantomime trip.

The wish list for the school this year includes: laptops, cameras for each class and smart boards. We need you to ensure we can continue to support the children and do it all over again next year!

## Wine Tasting & Canapés

### Our first social evening

### 20<sup>th</sup> November 7pm until 9pm

After another record breaking year for fundraising at Duxford School it seems befitting to organize a social evening to say a massive THANK YOU to all the volunteers who have made this possible, and to welcome new parents to the school.

We also thought we might tap into the free babysitting many of you might enjoy as a result of Grandparents Day which incidentally is on the same day, see what we've done there!

This will be a fantastic opportunity to meet other parents, enjoy some delicious complimentary canapés, local beer and wines all provided by the Cambridge Dining Company, Saffron Brewery and Cambridge Wines Merchants.

This is the first of what we hope to make an annual event to thank all the volunteers' hard work over the year. Your invitation should have been sent with your child just before half term, don't forget to RSVP!

## Grandparents Day

### November 20<sup>th</sup> 10:45am and 1:15pm

Grandparents Day is a fantastic opportunity to allow children to show off their work to proud grandparents. Friends of Duxford School support this event by providing tea, coffee & biscuits free of charge. We are looking for people to help for 30 minutes or so, morning or afternoon please contact us on [Duxford.pta@gmail.com](mailto:Duxford.pta@gmail.com)

## Christmas Fair

### December 4<sup>th</sup> 4:30pm until 6:30 pm

Always such a lovely event, it gets the whole school into the Christmas spirit! We are on the hunt for helpers, mostly for making crafts for the F.O.D.S. table. Carolyn Meadows is kindly coordinating the crafts this year and will be welcoming your help! Please sign up to the volunteers group if you are crafty or can bake a cake!

