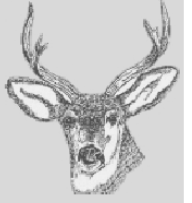


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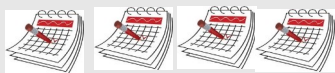
FRIENDS OF SOUTH DARLEY SCHOOL

Autumn 2023

Welcome to the Autumn 2023 edition of the Friends of South Darley School Newsletter, bringing you all the news!

AGM 18 October 2023

We had our AGM in the Square & Compass, with drinks helping the discussions along! Anne Toler, as Chair, reviewed events held in 2023 – particular highlights were the cake sales, Valentine's Disco, Easter Duck Hunt, Coronation Picnic with Cake Baking Competition and the Sports Day Raffle. We had a very enjoyable time (despite the rain) on the welcome walk up Oker Hill followed by sandwiches and chips in the Three Stags pub. Thanks to everyone who came along and supported the events as well as all helpers! Steve Carter as Treasurer, reviewed the finances, noting that gross income was £1698 and that raffle and cake sales accounted for approximately £1000 of that! We agreed to introduce a contactless payment system which we hope will make payments more convenient. We concluded the formalities of the meeting with thanks to everyone and drinks all round! (The formal minutes of the AGM are available to see on the school website). Thank you to all who attended the AGM.



UPCOMING EVENTS



Body Shop evening - Friday 24th November 2023 7pm for a 7.30pm start - Village Hall

An opportunity to get some early Christmas presents (for yourself as well!). Drinks including beer, wine and prosecco available for pre-order from the School Office.

Christmas Fair - Friday 8th December 2023 at 3.30pm - School

Lots of stalls, crafts to buy, mulled wine, Cake Stall and Cake Raffle.

Planning Meeting - Wednesday 17th January 2024 at 6.00pm - A local pub

Planning meeting. All parents welcome. Please come and help us plan our forthcoming events.

Valentine's Disco - Friday 16th February 2024 at 5.30pm - Village Hall

Valentine's Disco with children's Tuck Shop and refreshments including licensed bar for parents. Tickets £3 per child from the School Office

Dates to be confirmed for the following events that are at the ideas stage:

Cake sale, Working Party and Social for school playground, Family Quiz Night, Family Seaside Day Out.

What happens to the funds we raise?

Last year, funds raised enabled us to give all pupils a commemorative coronation coin, which we hope will be an heirloom of the future! We paid for special school 'hoodies' for our Year 6 Leavers as they head off to secondary school. And we paid for new lines to be painted in the school playground.

The school wishlist for this year includes a set of musical recorders, forest school equipment and more school reading books – so every event we run helps us to raise funds for these school aims.



How Can I Help?

We're always ready to welcome more parents to help – either at

planning meetings – where we come up with ideas and work out how we're going to make them happen – or by signing up to volunteer for half an hour or so at events where many hands will make lighter work!

We also would love to have one or two more Committee members to help in the decision-making and organising – just have a chat to Mrs Manning in the School Office or any of our current committee members if you're interested.



A huge thank you to so many people for the last year.

Local organisations and parents who have generously donated gifts for raffle prizes. Parents who have given time at events to help decorate, serve refreshments, tidy up, organise games – we couldn't do it without you!

The Committee and school staff who give time and effort to making it all happen.

And of course, all parents and children who came along, took part, supported, bought tickets and contributed to raising money to support the school and make it the wonderful place it is.

Uniform Sales

Mary Murtagh has reorganised school uniform sales so that you can buy items of clothing (passed on or grown out of and donated by parents). To donate, parcel up clothes with a list of contents and sizes and take into the School Office. Mary will take them home and add them to the list of items available. A list of all items at £1 each is available on the school website and the list will be updated every term. Full details on how to purchase, pay and collect items can be viewed on the FOSDS section of the school website. Very many thanks to Mary for doing this.



Communicating with you.....

We want to try and make communicating with parents as effective as we can. We have a section on the School website (under FOSDS) where we will post regularly. We will issue the Newsletter at least termly. We also have a new email address thefosds@yahoo.com so you can communicate directly with the officers of the Committee and if you let us have your email address, we can communicate directly with you. And of course, there will always be reminders of events sent home in book bags. Do let us know what we can improve on....