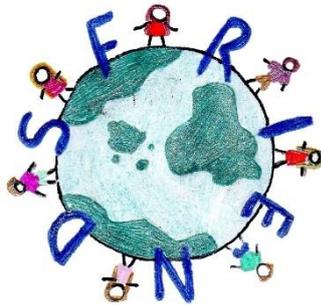


Friends of Christ Church, Walshaw.

Newsletter – Christmas 2022.



Well, this term seems to have gone very quickly, and we are nearly at Christmas already!

Friends have been quiet this term however I'm sure many of the newer parents will be asking 'Who are Friends'?

We are a small group of parents who organise events which raise money for the children at CCW. We meet every couple of months to plan events such as the Christmas and Summer fair. Before the pandemic, we held events such as school discos, Easter bingos, raffles and much more. Over the course of the last few years, we have raised enough money for a new adventure playground, which is being installed by Easter, we hope. We have also bought wet play toys for each class, books, iPads, outside toys and sports equipment to name but a few things!

We couldn't have done this without families attending the events so a huge thank you! We also say a very big thank you to our volunteers who give up their time to make the events a success.

Sadly, many of our current committee are going to be saying goodbye to Friends at the AGM in January - either because work commitments are too much or because their children are in Year 6 and are moving onto High School. We now need some new blood!

Without a new group of volunteers, there will be no events. No events means no money for things for the children. You can give as much of your time as you wish and feel able to.

Please consider joining Friends, ensuring that the children still get the fun events which raise so much money for our lovely school.

Helping at our Christmas fair would be a perfect opportunity to get to know what happens behind the scenes at such events.

Our Christmas fair is on Friday 9th December from 3-45 – 5.30 in the school hall.

There will be plenty of stalls for everyone including chocolate and bottle tombola's, 'Guess the name of the Elf', carrots in snow, refreshment stalls and 'Elfridges' is back for another year. 'Elfridges' is our pop up shop with gifts at a reasonable price which will then be wrapped by our lovely elves – perfect for your children to buy your gifts or gifts for grandparents.

There will be 2 non uniform days to support the event.

On Friday 2nd December, in return for non uniform we ask Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and 2 to donate chocolate which is suitable for our very popular chocolate tombola.

The same day we ask Years 3-6 to donate gifts which we can sell at Elfridges (candles, socks, mugs, toiletries etc)

On Friday 9th December, it is the school Christmas jumper day, when we invite your child to wear a Christmas jumper. School is asking that you send your child with £1 donation for Save the Children.

Friends ask that Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and 2 donate a packet of cakes/mince pies which we would sell at the refreshment stall.

We ask Years 3-6 to donate bottles for the ever popular bottle tombola.

We are also running a toy tombola. If you are having a clear out in the run up to Christmas, please consider sending any used toys into school for us to use on the stall. You can do this from Monday 5th December. Toys and games should be complete, clean and in working order.

It is set to be a fabulous event; however, we need volunteers to make it run.

If you are able to help us out by either helping to set up during the day on Friday 9th December or after school at the event, running a stall, please fill in the attached form and send it back to the school office. We would appreciate any help you can give, even if it's just for an hour!

We also have a Christmas raffle and you will get tickets sent home very soon! Please do your very best to sell these to family and friends. If you feel you could donate a prize or know of any business that would, please let us know.

Please keep an eye on our Facebook page for updates and news of any events and activities we are planning.

www.facebook.com/friendsccwalshaw

We hope you all have a lovely, peaceful and safe Christmas and send you good wishes for a happy and healthy 2023.

Please fill in the form and return to the school office if you can help.

I am able to help at the Christmas fair on Friday 9th December.

From 9am – midday _____

From 2pm – 3.30 pm _____

During the fair _____

Name _____

Parent/Carer to _____

Telephone number/email _____

