

Friends of Occold Primary School

AUTUMN TERM 2023
NEWSLETTER

DATES FOR THE DIARY

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| MEET THE TEAM | 21/09 |
| CHOCOLATE BINGO | 14/10 |
| BAG2SCHOOL | 18/10 |
| PRELOVED TOY SALE | 04/11 |
| CHRISTMAS DISCO | 08/12 |

WHO ARE THE FRIENDS?

The Friends are a charity organisation who raise money to support Occold Primary School.

We are run by a team of fantastic volunteers who arrange amazing events and fundraising opportunities around the school.

The money we raise funds things like school trips, the annual Christmas event, and the Year 6 leavers hoodies. We also contribute towards bigger projects at the school, such as the Sensory Room.

WE NEED YOU!

We are looking for a new Treasurer to join the team from November.

This is not necessarily a very hands-on role, and full training will be given.

If you think you could be our Treasurer please get in touch.

WELCOME to the 23/24 school year, and welcome to our new families!

There have been some changes in the school since the last newsletter. Many congratulations to Emily Rowe and family on the birth of baby Sonny at the end of last term!

The Friends also warmly welcome Katie Thornton to the school, taking over Fox class and as Head of School while Ms Rowe is on maternity leave.

Make sure you stay up to date on our events and news by following us on Facebook

@friendsofoccoldprimary

Parents of current pupils may also join our private Facebook group.

COME AND MEET THE TEAM

The Friends team will be outside the Burrow on Thurs 21st Sept at 3pm to answer any questions and talk about the Friends. We would love to meet you.

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Gemma Harris
Nicky Carter
Rachel Howard
Emma Beilby-Walmsley

Registered charity number 1042656

THANK YOU to everyone who came to our Summer Fete in July. The event was a huge success, and everyone had an incredible time.

The Year 6s did a great job with their stalls, and the Have-a-Go cards were a big hit.



THANK YOU also to Darren from the Black Horse in Thorndon, who generously catered the fete for us.

We raised a fantastic
£655
for the charity!



UPCOMING EVENTS

CHOCOLATE BINGO - SATURDAY 14TH OCTOBER 4:30PM: The return of our always-popular Chocolate Bingo evening at the village hall. There will of course be a bar, refreshments and a chocolate tombola as usual. Doors open at 4:30, eyes down 5pm. Tickets will be available soon. *REFRESHMENTS HELPERS NEEDED*

TOY SALE - 4TH NOVEMBER 10:30-12:30: Tabletop sale of preloved toys ready for the festive season. Browse good quality second-hand toys suitable for giving as gifts. Tables will be available to sell your own toys and keep your profits, or simply donate your toys and we will sell them to raise funds for the charity. Refreshments will be available to buy on the day.

CHRISTMAS DISCO - 8TH DECEMBER: Children's disco to celebrate the season.
More details to follow.

PRELOVED UNIFORM

The Friends always has preloved uniform available, including logo jumpers and cardigans. Simply message Emma Beilby-Walmsley or the school office if you would like to check what we have in stock. All uniform items are in exchange for a small donation to the charity.

If you have good condition uniform you would like to donate, please hand it in to the school office.

TUCKSHOP

The Friday Tuckshop last year was very well received, and the Friends have had enquiries about whether we are bringing it back. As Trixie and Esther have moved on to high school, we are looking for a few year 6s who would like to take over the Tuckshop on a Friday after school. Please let us know if your child would like to help out.

