



Friends of Oxenhope September Newsletter

Welcome

Hello and a warm welcome from the Friends of Oxenhope. Whether you are new to school or if you have been with us for a while here is a little bit about what we do.

The role of Friends is to bring together parents, carers, teachers and children for social events to help build the community within the school. Most of these events aim to raise money to provide additional resources for the school that enhances the children's learning experience. In the past Friends fundraising has contributed towards ICT equipment, playground resources, library books, trips and much more.

We aim to provide more than just fundraising; we provide events that give our children and parents a good time and to enjoy themselves. We are extremely conscious of the ethos and morals of our school and community and we try very hard when organising and planning events to respect this. Every penny that Friends raise is spent directly on resources and experiences for the children, which with ever decreasing funding and budgets for schools is a great thing!

We know that this year, with current restrictions in place and the pandemic still very much happening some of our fundraising events may have to look slightly different to previous years. We are conscious that all our families will have been impacted in different ways and this will be at the forefront of our minds when all events and fundraisers are planned.

The focus for Friends fundraising in the next academic year will be to raise funds for the school nature area. There is a lot to do and the main priority is a fence to secure the area, but we know that all children in school will directly benefit.

Upcoming events

Quiz

We would normally be getting ready for our quiz night however we are doing it slightly differently this year. We want you to host your own virtual quiz amongst your family and friends on **Friday 9th October**, we will provide all the quiz questions and answers. We are asking for a minimum donation of £5 for our quiz pack which will then be emailed to you. Further details to follow.

100 club

We are starting a 100 club this year. A 100 Club is a form of lottery. Subscribers buy numbered tickets which are entered into a regular draw - 100 tickets for a 100 Club. Parents, teachers and friends of the school pay a fixed subscription for their number(s). When the tickets are drawn, a percentage of the profit is given as the prize, with the remainder going to Friends funds. Our aim is to sell more than 100 numbers so please help us to make this a 100+ club! Further details will be sent out once we have everything in place.

Christmas

Yes, we know it's early, but we will be holding a raffle this year and want to get some great prizes together. So, if anyone can donate a prize or has contacts with businesses who will, we would be extremely grateful.

Year 1 Outdoor Area

Learning through play is still a vital part of the day in Year 1 and the school would like to create an area where the children could extend their learning outside. In the summer term, Mrs Parker worked extremely hard to fundraise towards this project and managed to raise over £800. Friends have also agreed to support the project and donate £800 towards providing an outdoor space for Year 1 children to enhance their learning experience outdoors. We look forward to seeing the results!

AGM

Due to the current situation with the Covid-19 our Annual General Meeting (AGM) will have to take place virtually. We will send out further information nearer the time if you would like to attend.

Get involved

There are many ways you can offer your talents and be part of the conversation. If you would like to chat about how you can volunteer for Friends – however much or little time you can spare – please get in touch with a member of the committee, email us at Friends@oxenhope.bradford.sch.uk or leave a message at the office. Be certain that your help will be greatly appreciated and will make a big difference.

Friends hope that with your help in the upcoming year be it with ideas, help at events or donations we can continue to support the school in being the amazing, supportive community it is. Please look out for the Friends notice boards around the school grounds. Here you can find details of events, newsletters, committee members and much more.

Meet the committee

To get involved and find out more about what we do or how you could help, please get in touch. If you see us around school, come up and say hello.



Sally Kenrick
Chair
Leo – Year 6
Libby – Year 3



Victoria Smith
Secretary
Lucas – Year 6
Connor – Year 5



Charlotte Gill
Treasurer
Amelia – Year 4
Olivia – Year 1



Jo Brown
Year 2 teacher
Oliver – Year 6
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