



FRIENDS OF BABRAHAM SCHOOL

Spring Term 2008 Newsletter



Forthcoming Events

Valentines Disco

Friday 8th February - 6.30 – 7.30pm

£1.50 per child (pay on the door), includes crisps, drink and a treat.

Film Club and Beetle Drive

Saturday 8th March -from 10am to 2:30pm

A film will be shown in the morning, and the Beetle Drive will take place after lunch.

Please provide a packed lunch for your child/ren.

A Beetle Drive (in case you have never heard of this before) is a classic British party game involving rolling dice and drawing beetles, and is fun for all ages.

Tickets: £2.50 per child. Adults are welcome to stay and enjoy the fun too (for free).

Quiz n' Chips

Saturday 15th March -from 7pm (7.30pm start)

A new multi-media format for our biennial quiz, with sound bites and pictures as well as the traditional general knowledge questions (which will all be displayed on a projector screen, so you won't need to worry about missing any of them).

Teams of 6-8 (but we can make up teams on the night).

Tickets will be £6 per person and will include the choice of a fish/sausage/chicken and chips supper.

A bar will be available for refreshments. Please note this is intended to be an adult-only evening.

Further details to follow soon

Other Dates for your Diary

Band Night (adult only) - Saturday 17th May

Following on from an extremely successful event held last year, FoBS are combining with the Babraham Institute Sports and Social club once more to present live music from 'Awesome'.

Film Club (children) - Saturday 26th April

Details will follow nearer the time.

Camping Night (family event) - Saturday 21st June

Make sure you patch up your tent ready for the annual and much loved camp-at-school night.

More details will follow next term.

Country Fayre (family event) - Saturday 5th July

If you are planning to have a spring sort-out anytime soon, please remember that we will need good quality books and toys, so please save them for us. Also, if you have any unwanted Christmas presents, then FoBS would be grateful to receive them as raffle prizes for this and other events earlier in the year.

Other News

Spending the Money

So far this year FoBS has bought the stage blocks for the school (£1024, plus £105 for a storage trolley, and an extra £500 worth being ordered this term), a new projection screen (£99), two new CD players for the classrooms (£90) and two trees for the orchard (£26). We are also paying for the Storyteller who will be visiting the school on March 4th (£175), buying a Friendship bench that has been requested by the children, a water butt so the orchard can be watered using rainwater, and some new floor cushions for Class 3's book corner.

Plus we have so far donated £100 towards coach costs for class trips, and £180 for general classroom funds.

These items have all been bought from the funds raised by FoBS.

Thank you very much to everyone for your support.

Catalogues

Currently being circulated are the new Yellow Moon catalogue, and the spring Chocoholics catalogue. Orders from these bring in commission sales for FoBS, and last year they raised over £130 for FoBS.

Lottery Club

Still in the process of being set-up, this will involve a monthly draw with cash prizes. The more people in the club, the more prizes there will be. Membership will not just be limited to people with links to the school, so feel free to mention it to friends and neighbours. More details will follow soon.

Targeted Fundraising

Last year we worked and saved hard to buy the stage blocks for the school, and the previous few years for the Class 1 outdoor classroom area, and it has been noted by many people how helpful it was to know what FoBS' fundraising was specifically aiming for. Over the next two years we would like to target funds towards developing the school library. The proposed new build of the community room will free up the existing cloakroom to be developed as a resource centre. Currently the architect is drawing up plans and then planning permission will be sought, so it will be a little while yet before we are able to make any purchases.

Redecorating the Classrooms

The Governors have asked if FoBS might consider co-ordinating an effort to get the classrooms redecorated towards the end of the summer term. The Governors have limited premises funding, and by asking for volunteers to repaint the classroom, they are better able to place those funds where they are more urgently needed. We will be asking for volunteers nearer the time, but if you are free to help at a painting party in July, please talk to a member of the FoBS committee.

Web-Site

Don't forget you can find all the details of forthcoming FoBS events on the Babraham School website at: <http://www.babrahamschool.org.uk/>