



Friends of Taverham Hall School

March 2010 Newsletter

Walled Garden Restoration

Are there any keen gardeners or horticulturists out there who would like to assist us in restoring the old walled garden by the tennis courts? Our design is by RHS Silver medal winner (2006 & 2009) John Cavill as part of his Simply Gardening for Schools programme.

We are in partnership with Easton College who will provide the manpower and the tools to build the garden initially. We shall then engage our children in the planting and maintenance but we'll need your knowledge and help to keep it going, for example throughout the holidays.

We will obviously need seeds and plants such as fruit trees too. If you can help in any way, or know of someone who can, please contact Alex Crossley or Carole Richardson in the Office.

Pre Prep Lego/KNEX

Many thanks to the two families who kindly donated some KNEX and Lego recently. This is something the children love and which does have educational value. The Friends' Committee has agreed to purchase more but if anyone does have anything they no longer need then please consider donating, or selling, it to us.

Prep School Library Renovation

We are soon to embark on the second phase of this exciting project to promote a stimulating environment to encourage independent learning, more news to follow.

Will you join us?

We now hold our meetings at 4.30pm to avoid the need for babysitters. We simply collect our children afterwards and the school waives any charges. Of course the times are flexible and can be arranged to suit. Meetings are just once or twice a term, approximately every 6 weeks and are always light. You can do as much or as little as you like, all help is warmly accepted. Future meeting times will be posted on the Friends' notice boards, please come along – you might find you would then be

interested in joining the committee as a full member at the AGM in October, but this is by no means required.

Parent co-ordinators

We are seeking to reintroduce the year group parent co-ordinators system which operated in the past. One person from each year agrees to keep “their year group” parents informed about future events, seeks volunteers to help out, and reminds everyone in their year of things they can be collecting for, e.g. bags 2school collections etc. You would not have to join the committee to undertake this role.

Please would anyone wanting to help in this way please email our Secretary at lorraine@dunne62.wanadoo.co.uk or see any member of the committee. Alternatively, just pop in & tell Carole Richardson in the Office. Thank you.

School Fete

This year our fete is on **Friday 28th May**, to follow the pre prep sports day as usual. Please can you start to think about any assistance or donations you are able to offer. We always need help with setting up and running stalls. We also need tombola prizes, raffle prizes, clean toys, homemade sweets, preserves and cakes, jam jars filled with sweets/small toys/jewellery etc (to sell for £1) and plants. No DVDs, videos, books or bric- a- brac) are needed this year thank you.

Bags 2 School

This collection is always a useful addition to our funds with over £360 received last October. This year we will be collecting on **5 May** and **12 October**. Please can you start saving now for the May collection which is soon after we come back after Easter. This is a great opportunity to get rid of all those clothes that the children have grown out of, or that will not make another summer. Shoes, bedding, curtains, soft toys, belts and handbags can also be donated so please save them for this collection. We will send out a reminder with a bag nearer the time but any sort of bag is acceptable.

And finally...

Thank you to everyone for making this such a good year with over £4000 raised. We hope everyone enjoys the **M&M Pop Quiz** with quality Greek food and bar, hosted by Mssrs. Crossley and Jolly on 12th March (you might still be able to get a ticket from the Office when you read this) and the **children's disco** on 19th.

Happy Easter!