



Friends of Taverham Hall School

Summer 2010 Newsletter

Prep School Library Renovation

This year has seen the Prep School library transformed, courtesy of Miss. Chapman and the many new books, a good number of which were donated by our kind children for others to enjoy. Shelving, tables and chairs have been purchased by the Friends and we are currently arranging to purchase new wall shelving which should be installed by the end of term.

Walled Garden Restoration

The Friends discovered that the walled garden is one of the few remaining features of Sir John Soane's original design for the hall & grounds. Mrs Crossley initiated a project to restore the kitchen garden that would most likely have formed a part of this garden's original purpose.

The Friends assisted this project by paying around £1000 for the initial design and the railway sleepers. We also contacted many potential sponsors and managed to secure free topsoil, timber and posts which the Easton College students used to build the framework. Unfortunately the original design was not suitable for the space available but hopefully the children will like what has been done instead. Mrs Crossley expects to use the original planting scheme to inspire what is eventually planted in the garden.

As before, if anyone is interested in supplying plants/trees/seeds, or working on the fruit & vegetable garden, please contact Mrs Crossley or Mrs Richardson in the Office.

Other purchases this year

We have bought two performance arts microphones for the prep school to avoid the need for hire charges in future, photograph frames to frame the prize winning shots from the Headmaster's photography competitions, Lego & KNEX as well as a deluxe toy farm and educational tool box for the Pre Prep. We also provided food and drink and paid for a disco for all pupils to enjoy at the Easter parties.

School Fete

Thank you to everyone who supported this event on 28th May. We were fortunate with the good weather and raised a pleasing net total of £1544 which will finance the library improvements mentioned above. Next year we hope to add a few fresh ideas and if anyone would like to share their thoughts and suggestions with us we would be most grateful.

Future dates:

Bags 2 School

Our next collection is on **12 October**. Thank you for all your donations in May, we raised a fantastic £304! Please can you start saving now for October? As a reminder we need all those clothes that the children have grown out of, or that will not make another winter. 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.

Quiz & Chips

We can't forget this event as it is always a sell-out so get your tickets bought early next term. We are planning to run this early in the Autumn term this year for a change, date to be advised when we return.

Bonfire Party

Please note the date for this event will be Friday 5th November, delicious food and drinks will be for sale, along with novelty merchandise. This is a very special event indeed and loved by all.

Christmas Fayre

We hope to revive this popular event this year. If you would like to be involved with selling (or know of someone who would) then please email or telephone Lorraine Dunne with your details. The Friends' will require a commission.

Please become a Friend

Some of our members are leaving the school at the end of term and the Friends Committee is in need of your help. It isn't a major commitment and of course the more people willing to play a part, the easier it all becomes. Just ask any of the committee what they get out of it; you love the school, you'll enjoy it all the more as part of the Friends.

Meetings can be held at times to suit everyone. 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.

The purpose of the Friends is to promote social fellowship amongst parents, former pupils and the School together with the raising of money for extra curricula items such as those mentioned above and the provision of refreshments at events such as Sports Day, Swimming Gala, and the Blue Bell Walk etc.

Please, before you forget, email Lorraine Dunne on lorraine@dunne62.wanadoo.co.uk or call on 01603 503246 if you are willing to help in any way next year. Alternatively, just leave word with Mrs Richardson in the Office or anyone listed below.

And finally...

There are bound to be events you would like to attend or things you (or your children) would like the Friends to buy next year. We would love to receive your ideas.

Please don't forget to join us on the Committee.....

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