Friends of Barningham Newsletter

Autumn Term (1st half)

**Hello all, and welcome to the half termly newsletter from the Friends of Barningham.** This is where we will let you know how well our fundraising events have gone, plans for future events and, most importantly, where the monies we have raised will be spent to help all the children of Barningham CEVC Primary School.

With all our fundraising efforts last year we were able to donate **an amazing £3500** to the school playground improvements! I am sure you will agree the improvements are a wonderful addition to the School. We are now looking to purchase raised vegetable beds and a greenhouse for the children to grow their own vegetables.

**Family Bingo Night – Friday 23rd September**

We are all looking forward to this event, entry is **free** and bingo books will start at just £2! Doors will open at 7:00pm to give you plenty of time to get drinks and find a table before **eyes down** at 7:30pm. There will be a Licensed Bar (Beer, Pimms and of course Tea and Coffee!). Please feel free to invite your friends and family to what will be a fantastic night. A list will be in the school office if you could please let us know how many of you will be coming so we can ensure there is an ample amount of beverages and seats available. We look forward to seeing you there!

**Bonfire Quiz Night – Thursday 20th October**

A very exciting night to look forward to! A **BBQ** will start off the evening at 6pm with the quiz starting at 7pm. Teams will be a maximum of 6 and entry for each team is **£2**. Don’t worry if you don’t have enough for a team there will be the opportunity on the night to team up with others. We want to see some really wacky names so get those thinking hats on there will be a prize on the night for the best team name. Registration for your team can be made after the 1st October when there will be a list in the school office. A licensed bar will also be available on the night.

**Future Events**

Plans are well underway for the **Christmas Fair** on the **10th December**. We currently have out thinking caps on and would welcome any suggestions you may have. One thing we do know is that we have had word from Father Christmas and he will be making time in his very busy schedule to pay us a visit!

**A Note from Mrs Parr**

A really busy year ahead already planned by the Friends – and as a staff we are so grateful for the support given. Our next project is to build raised beds for the children to plant herbs and vegetables and I am so pleased that the Friends have agreed to support us.

**Past events**

**The last academic school year saw some fantastic amounts being raised with the Christmas Fair raising £1223, Easter Coffee afternoon raising £325, the Race Night raising £250, Ice Cream Fridays £350 and the Summer Fayre raising £1195. This year the funds raised by the friends have paid for the Christmas and Easter chocolate gifts for the children, the wonderful Panto we had in school in January and the Year 6 leaving gifts. It means that we have been able to donate £3500 towards the playground improvements.**

**Want to Join the Friends?**

We always welcome new members to join the Friends, meeting are held roughly once a half term where we put together idea’s for future events. Please **see Claire Dear in Rabbit class** or **Nicky Saggers in the School Office** if you would like to join us, or even if you are unable to make the meetings but can help out on event days, we would love to have you!