

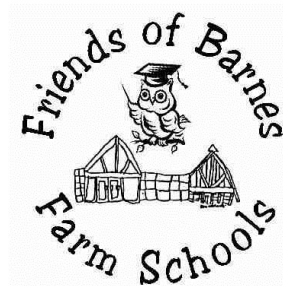


The Owl Post

Happy New Year to you all and welcome to this, our first newsletter of 2014. We had a very successful fundraising year in 2013 and we would like to thank you for all your kind support and generosity.

Charlotte Blackie & Rebecca Pascoe-Youell

Co-Chairs - (E: chairfobfs@yahoo.com)



Fundraising

Thank you, Thank you, Thank you!

We have been very busy over the last few months with our fund raising efforts and we would like to say a massive thank you to everyone who has taken part, helped, hosted advertising boards and supported us across the various events. The members of the committee work hard to put on these events and ensure they run smoothly on the day and without your support we couldn't do it, so thank you.

As there are so many events to report back on, we have just listed below the total amounts raised at each event:

Quiz Night	£120.96
Magic Show	£270.00
Winter Bazaar	£554.66
Calendars	£296.00
Christmas Craft	£305.80

Grand Total: £1,547.42



We need you!

Two of our most popular events each year are the craft mornings. Our Easter craft morning is taking place on Saturday, 29 March in the junior school hall from 10am to 12noon. They are fantastic mornings where the children spend two manic hours undertaking various crafts put together by our fabulous craft team.

However, for these events to continue we need your help. Do you have two hours to spare to help our craft team on the day?

We are looking for volunteers to come along for the 2 hours, take money and hand out the crafts. If you can help please email the Chairs and let them have your details.

Many thanks.

Upcoming Events

10 March – Friends of Barnes Farm PTA Meeting/AGM – School Barn

29 March – Easter Craft Morning – Junior School Hall

Half Term Homework - Friends of Barnes Farm School logo competition – further details to follow via the schools soon!

Other News

Community Cards/Yellow Moon

It is with much regret that we have decided to withdraw our Co-op Community Cards and our Yellow Moon account. Both schemes have been up and running for some time but for whatever reason have not proved to be very successful. We would like to thank everyone for their support over the years.

Adventure Island, Southend

We are hoping to shortly have available for purchase discounted tickets for Adventure Island at Southend. Watch this space for further details coming soon.

Commonwealth Games Summer Fete/Fun Run

As you may know, the Commonwealth Games are to take place in Glasgow over the summer. In celebration of this, we are considering the idea of arranging a Family Fun Run which will finish on the school field where a Summer Fete will take place with fun and games for all the family. We would like your feedback on whether you think this would make a good event and to ask if you have other ideas of things we could do on the day. Please email the Co-Chairs using the email address overleaf with your thoughts.

Cookbook

A short while ago the schools asked the children to put forward their favourite recipes for the Barnes Farm Schools cookbook. We would very much like to get this project off the ground but we are in desperate need of more recipes to enable to do so. If your children have a recipe they like, be it an everyday meal or something they have tried and loved on holiday, please write it down and help us put together what could be a fabulous keepsake.

Friends of Barnes Farm Schools Bag

You may have seen overleaf that we are planning to update our Friends of Barnes Farm logo to reflect what we do as a fundraising team. We are asking the children to design a new logo for us which we are then hoping to have printed on to our very own Friends of Barnes Farm re-usable bags. Watch this space for more details coming soon.

Calendars

We have tried a different format for the 2014 calendars and we hope everyone was pleased with the result. Please note the February half term dates are 17-21 February.

Other ways to help



NameTagIt has a variety of personalised name tags for you to choose from to help you ensure that your children's clothes are clearly labelled. They also provide labels for lunchboxes, water bottles and shoes. The website is easy to use and orders are generally dispatched to you within 24 hours with easy direction for application. Barnes Farm Schools will benefit from a 20% contribution of any purchase you make when you quote our unique code: D211 when ordering online.

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