



The Owl Post



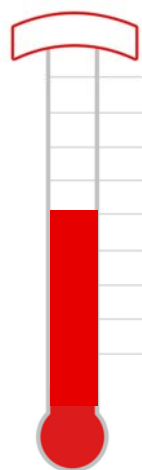
Welcome to the Summer Term edition of the Owl Post. We are looking forward to our final fundraising event of the year, our Summer Fete and we have a busy few weeks ahead with preparations! We really need your help to make it a great success, so please see over for how you can get involved.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your time and generosity in supporting our fundraising efforts so far over the last School Year and will be posting some updates as to how your money has benefitted your schools in the upcoming editions.

The Friends of Barnes Farms Schools P.T.A is a team made up of parents, carers and teachers who meet every 6-8 weeks for an hour or so to discuss ideas and plan events. Your help and support is invaluable and we welcome you to get involved in any way you can, so why not come along to our next meeting on Monday 26th June at 7.45pm in the Infant Staff Room. If you can't attend our meetings but would still be able to offer some of your time to help us then please contact us about joining our 'Owlet People Bank', see over for more information.

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Fundraising



Spring Craft Morning

We had a lovely craft morning and although not as well attended as previous events, the children that came along made some fantastic Spring and Mother's Day themed crafts. Thank you to our craft team for their hard work in preparing a great selection of crafts and to all those who helped on the day. We love seeing the children's creations and despite low attendance we still managed to raise £224.31!

Bag2School Recycling collection

Thank you so much to everyone for filling your recycling bags and bringing them in for our Bag2School collection in March. We raised a fantastic £148, what a great way to raise money for our schools, look out for further collections in the future.

Infant Disco

This was a fantastic night and thanks to our energetic DJ, Jazz, the children all looked to have had a great time and as always looked pretty worn out from all the dancing! This was well attended so thank you for your support and we raised a brilliant £ 126.84!

AGM

Our next meeting is also our AGM and we look forward to sharing with you our report showing in more detail all we have managed to achieve over the past year!



Summer Fete!

Friday 14th July 3.30pm – 5:30pm

Join us after school for fun and games at our Summer Fete! Bouncy castles, traditional games, stalls, face painting and lots more! See overleaf for further details:



Dates for your diary:

- Monday 26th June - AGM PTA Meeting 7.45pm Infant Staff Room
- Friday 14th July 3.30-5:30pm - Summer Fete

Things to watch out for:

- Junior School Disco – Sat 7th October
- Winter Bazaar
- Christmas Craft Morning

Summer Fete - Friday 14th July 3.30pm – 5:30pm

Last year's Summer Fete was a huge success and not only lots of fun but it raised an amazing amount of money for the schools! We are currently organising this year's fete and have lots of fun and games planned for the afternoon, for the whole family to enjoy!

There will be a BBQ from Miller & Carter, refreshments, cake stall and ice lollies, so bring on the sunshine! We will also have lots of fun games and stalls including bouncy castles, face painting from Mayce Place, fastest football shoot out with P.A.S.S, Tombola, Character tombola, Traditional games and our infamous Wheelbarrow of booze raffle! This year we are also pleased to have some energetic (and potentially wet) entertainment from Jazz It Up Events, who many of you will know from our discos – feel free to bring your water guns along, a Fire Engine from the Chelmsford White Watch (pending any emergencies) and maybe some friends in flight!!!!

This is a fantastic fundraising opportunity for the schools and we need your help to ensure it is a success. Any donations towards prizes for the stalls, as listed below, would be greatly appreciated and can be brought into both the school offices from 26th June up until the event day. Both schools will also be holding non uniform days to collect specific prize donations, so please look out for details of these.

Contributions required: Raffle prizes of bottles of wine or spirits for the barrow of booze. Prizes of toiletries, unwanted new gifts, etc. for the tombola. Good quality teddies for the teddy tombola. Cakes (**please bring on the day**). We are also working with the schools to arrange some dress down days for the children in conjunction with your donation giving.

We also have lots to do in preparation for the big event! On the day the stalls will be manned by teachers but if you could offer your support in any part of the preparation prior to the fete, including setting up on the day then please contact us - (E: chairfobfs@yahoo.com)



Winter Bazaar – We need your help!

With Summer only just upon us it's hard, we know, to even think about Winter but the PTA is always looking ahead and putting plans in place for future events. With this in mind we are pleased to have already secured advertising for the Winter Bazaar and are now looking for volunteers to host an advertising board at their property.

The advertising boards will be put up 2 weeks before the event and taken down shortly after and are usually placed somewhere at the front of the property. As a thank you for hosting a board all names will be put into a hat to win a bottle of champagne, so if you are able to help then please contact us: (E: chairfobfs@yahoo.com)

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