

## Newsletter - October 2008 - Issue 17

### Friends of Davenham School

A warm welcome to all new Parents and Reception children and to the FODS Newsletter, designed to keep you up-to-date with general and financial information, as well as forthcoming Events and not forgetting - where we have spent the money we raised. Read on...

#### AGM



We held our AGM on **Monday 22 September 2008** and the Officers were duly elected (shown below) and the full FODS listing shown in the footer of this Newsletter. We always need new Members, so if you have been thinking of joining, why not contact one of the Members listed below for a chat and find out what we're all about.

- **Phil Hilditch** - **President (non elected)**
- **Roger Drinkwater** - **Chair**
- **Andrew Cann** - **Deputy Chair**
- **Carol Giddins** - **Treasurer**
- **Cheryl Senior** - **Secretary**

We also welcome new FODS Members who are all Parents of children in Reception ..... **Darren Curry** (Tommy), **Gail Pearson** (Jessica), **Sara Penny** (Josephine (Edward & Arthur too)), **Alison & Richard Ruse** (Thomas), **Vicky Taylor** (Harry) and **Colin Jaffray** (Hazel).

#### Financial Report



If you'd like to see the full version of our Financial Results, please contact Carol Giddins (40399) but in a nutshell, to follow are some of the items bought during the 2006/2007 School Year with funds raised of just over £17,000!

#### Spend, Spend, Spend!

As well as the £1,200 pa (termly funding), we also provided a travel subsidiary of £5 per child (which totalled £1,315). We also paid for the remaining balance for the pond (£900), £500 for stage curtains, a £300 contribution towards netball posts and adhoc school equipment, £700 for last year's Christmas Pantomime, £100 on 4 parasols for the playground, £200 for the Dictionaries for Year 6 children leaving School and £160 on a subscription for Y6 newspaper (First News).

#### So what we are currently saving for?

School have asked to immediately buy the following equipment:

**1 x Sanyo 8 MP digital camera; 5 x CD Radio Cassette Players; 2 x Listening Centres; 1 x Whiteboard and 1 x Laptop** (for the Resource Room). However, our longer term goal is to purchase large scale play equipment on the School field which all the children will be able to access. Further equipment can be added as funding becomes available.

#### Bags2School



The ever popular Bags2School Clothing Collection (also known as 'Blue Bags') will take place from 8.30am on **Friday 21 November** at School. Remember, the more they weigh, the more money we receive! Time for a pre Christmas sort out!

#### Christmas Craft Fair



Be organised and start your Christmas Shopping nice and early and visit our ever popular Craft Fair on **Saturday 22 November** at School. Doors open at 1.30pm, we hope Santa and his Helpers will also be putting in an appearance in at our magical Grotto.

## Diary of Forthcoming Events



### 2009 Summer Ball

The we are hoping that the date of next year's Summer Ball will be **Saturday 27 June 2009** but will confirm in a later Newsletter.

### Christmas Mince Pie Afternoons



Our ever popular Mince Pie Afternoons will take place on **Wednesday 17 December** (Infants) and **Thursday 18 December** (Juniors). Parents and families will be entertained by the children singing Christmas Carols and playing musical instruments while enjoying a mince pie or two and a cup of tea!

### Santa's Visit to School



We hope Santa will be visiting our playground on **Thursday 11 December** where there is also the opportunity of purchasing your Christmas Tree from Simon Bennett (Anna's dad). Simon will make a donation to FODS on every Christmas Tree purchased on the night.

### Tea Towels



Reception children have been getting arty by drawing self portraits for the lovely Class Tea Towels which Julie Pedley organises for Reception children. These make fab gifts so order plenty! This is an initiative only available to Reception children.

### Monthly Cakes



Wendy Baynes (Erin's mum) is co-ordinating a **Monthly Cake Sale** which will be held (roughly) on the last Friday of each month with each Class responsible for making and selling the cakes outside School. Mr Strefford's Class started us off on in September raising a **FANTASTIC £149....** but can Mrs Bailey's class do any better?

We'll find out on **Thursday 23 October**. Thanks to Ashley Senior, Chris Drinkwater, Laura Baker, Lauren Haves and Victoria Le for helping out.

### Lucky Draw Winners

Have you seen the recent Book Bag Flyer about our Lucky Draw? There's still time to join but you'll have to be quick. Winners were .... May (R Atkinson), June (G McIver) and July (G Rennie).

**Family Beetle Drive** - our first Event for this School year took place on **Friday 17 October**, with a fantastic turnout and raised £230 in total.

**Adults Quiz Night** - this is due to take place on **Friday 7 February**. Get together a team of 4, it's a great night which includes food and alcohol (sorry this is adults only).

**Web Site** - have a look at our all new web site [www.fods.org](http://www.fods.org); it's a work in progress and if you have any ideas for inclusion or photos etc, please contact Katie Mattinson (07789 831 288).

**Table Tennis** - do you have an old Table Tennis Table gathering dust in your loft or garage? If so, School would love to take it off your hands... please contact Mrs Bailey if you can help.

**Vouchers** - we are currently collecting vouchers from Tesco, Sainsbury's and Morrisons.

**Gift Wrap** - don't forget to get your order into School before we break up for Half Term!