

## Friends of Capenhurst Newsletter October 2018.

**Meet the Team:** Currently friends of Capenhurst consists of Mrs Green, Jackie Henson, Nicky Oakley, Emma Broomfield, Jenny Downes, Tina Lowe and Mary Osborne. This term we are excited to welcome Jemma-Kay Baker and Paula Foster to our number!

We are all very friendly, passionate for the cause and not at all scary so please do feel free to approach any one of us on the play ground if you have any questions or ideas (thank you to Claire Anderson and Helen Forrester who have already done just that)! We are a very small number and would love for more parents to join us. You don't have to come the every meeting, you don't have to help out at every event and there is a crèche provided at the meetings so there are no worries about childcare. Even if you would like to come for just one meeting please do. New faces often mean new ideas and a fresh perspective on what we already do.

**What we have achieved:** Past contributions from the Friends of Capenhurst include the climbing wall, school laptops and the interactive white boards. We regularly subsidise and occasionally completely pay for coach transport to and from school trips most notably the coach to pantomime each year (£360 worth) this year we also paid for the staff and adult tickets meaning that this did not need to be added onto the price of each child's ticket. Recently FOC contributed just over £130 to allow class 2 to go on the Dewa Experience. We have also freed up the funding to allow the class three children to have clarinet lessons. Yearly FOC contributes to the year six leaver's ball including presents for the children. It is FOC that provides the funding for reward vouchers for children who have achieved green all year.

Last term we bought waterproofs and wellies for use by reception and class two on school trips. We have also bought dividers for use in class four which provides more space for one to one and small group work. For the royal wedding celebrations last year we provided the bunting and have also provided flowers for the playground.

Our school is very fortunate to have a dedicated and passionate teaching team that has the development and welfare of our children at the forefront of everything they do. Without the support of FOC, however, they would be unable to provide many of the opportunities our children enjoy. These opportunities would either cease to exist or only be available at direct cost to us the parents.

**Money Coming in:** Last school year we raised an impressive total of just under £4000 and this term we have already made a cracking start with the 100 club set to raise more than it ever has and the Bonus Ball raising just under £300 so far. As well as work for us we had a successful MacMillan coffee morning raising £227.48 and that is just the start. Below is a list of our upcoming events. It is going to be a busy year!

### Upcoming Events

**Bonus Ball Competition:** The bonus ball works on the National lottery draw. Each Saturday we check which number has been drawn as the bonus ball and our winner is the person who has chosen and paid for that number. It is £1 a week to enter and is drawn every Saturday where we are in school the Monday after. If noone has the number drawn the prize rolls over to the week after. Currently the weekly prize up for grabs is £18 and there are numbers which have not been claimed. If you would like to be a part of this please see Mary Osborne. For every new person that enters the prize money goes up.

**The 100 Club:** This is drawn once a month and the prize is £35. Again it is £1 per draw- £12 for the year per number. If you would like to be a part of this please see Jackie Henson.

**Christmas Shopping Event 8<sup>th</sup> November:** The perfect chance to pick up some unique gifts from local small business owners. All the stall holders will be donating to the school so please do support them if you can. There will also be tea/coffee and a mince pie available for £1.50. Doors open 6pm.

**Bingo and Banger 30<sup>th</sup> November 4pm:** Following the roaring success of this event last year we are in the village hall this time so we can all fit in (thank you to Emma and Mike Broomfield for donating the rent for this)!! Cake and drinks will be sold, hot dogs are £1, bingo books are £3 for half and £5 for a full book and prize money is £5 per line and £10 per house. Do try this out if you didn't come last year as it was a properly memorable event.

**Table Top Sale after sharing assembly 7<sup>th</sup> December 3:30pm:** For this we are looking for donations of well anything really. All those old toys and books that need to go to make way for this year's Christmas presents, clothes that have been grown out of, unwanted presents from Christmas last year that haven't been opened. Watch out for the request to bring all these in! Any items not sold on the day will be donated to charity.

**Infant Nativity 11<sup>th</sup> December 6pm:** We will be selling sweets after the performance.

**The Capenhurst and Ledsham Community Group:** This group consists of the school, the church, the village hall and the chapel. Events are jointly run and proceeds split four ways between the groups. As a school we not only benefit directly from their work but are also heavy users of both the church and the village hall therefore they are well worth supporting and we work closely with them. The community group are running the following events:

27<sup>th</sup> October Halloween Party

24<sup>th</sup> November Barn Dance

15<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Carols and Santa Visit (6-7pm)

29<sup>th</sup> March Easter Bingo

17<sup>th</sup> May Race Night

22<sup>nd</sup> June Summer Event

Please approach any of the FOC or Mrs Green if you would like tickets or more details about any of these events.

## **Thank you**

Thank you for taking the time to read this and also for your support of our work. As always any fundraising ideas and ideas on where the money should go or offers of help big or small are greatly received. You are always very welcome to attend any of our meetings (it doesn't mean you need to attend them all and there is a crèche provided).