

FRIENDS OF BECCLES FREE SCHOOL

Newsletter

September 2016



Welcome to the first newsletter from the “Friends of Beccles Free School” in which we will keep you up to date with what we are doing to help the school and how you can also get involved.

The “Friends” is a group of parents / carers who organise regular social and fundraising events throughout the year to support and raise money for the school. Everyone associated with Beccles Free School is regarded as a Friend, so please feel free to come along to any of our meetings without obligation. We would love to see you and there is coffee and cake!

Choir

Friends of Beccles Free School run a choir during Monday lunchtimes and anyone is welcome to join. Students that join are allowed special “queue jump” lunch privileges so that they can attend rehearsals.

September - October: Sister Act medley, including a movie evening before half term to watch the film, eat popcorn and sing along!

November - December: Christmas songs. The choir will visit various places in the community to sing and spread Christmas cheer.

TEAMS REQUIRED for the Quiz and Chips night!

Thursday 3 November 2016 6.30pm - 8.30pm

Up to 6 people in a team. Prizes galore! Bring your friends and come and have fun.

Tickets available from the office: £3.50 adults, £1.50 children.

Need a Pencil Fast?

The school library is now selling pens, rubbers, pencil sharpeners and notebooks. Every item just 50p. All proceeds to the Friends of BFS to be used to support the school

50/50 Club - Anyone over the age of 18 can join. An easy, low cost way of making a difference to the school.

- By becoming a member, you agree to pay at least £1 per month to the club for one number.
- You can buy as many numbers as you wish.
- Every month 50% of the money raised goes to the “Friends” to help provide equipment for enrichment activities, software and books etc.
- The remaining 50% is given away as prize money.
- The more people who join, the more money we raise for the school.
- If you are interested in joining, please fill in the form on the next page.

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If you would like to become a member of the 50/50 Club, please complete the form below and return it to us in an envelope marked Friends of Beccles Free School 50/50 Club.

Your number(s) will be sent to you by post together with notification of the first draw date.

Friends of Beccles Free School 50/50 Club: Subscription Form

I would like to become a member of The Friends of Beccles Free School 50/50 Club.

Adult's Name.....

Student's Name..... Year

Address.....

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email

Contact No:.....

I would like () numbers at £1 each per month.

I agree to pay and enclose the annual subscription of £12.00 for each number

Please return your completed subscription slip with cash or cheque made payable to 'Friends of Beccles Free School'.

Signed..... Date.....

NB Alternatively, you may wish to set up a monthly direct debit with your bank. If you would like to do this, the Friends of Beccles Free School account details are as follows: Sort code: 20 92 08 Account Number 13532798. Please indicate that you have done this on this form.

50/50 Club Rules

The Club shall be known as the Friends of Beccles Free School 50/50 Club.

50% of the monthly income shall be distributed as prize money, 50% will be used to benefit the school.

A Prize draw shall be made each month. (With the exception of the August draw which will take place the first week of September).

Each number purchased will cost £1 per month. Members shall be required to pay a year's subscription (per number).

Notice of each month's winner will appear on the School Website.

The decisions of the Friends of Beccles Free School shall be final on any matter requiring adjudication. The Friends shall have the power to amend these rules at their discretion.

Each member shall be given a number per £1 and will be entered into each draw (so long as the fees are paid).

The draw shall be made by a pupil of the Friends of Beccles Free School during 'line up' on the last school day of the month.

Dates for your diary

Wednesday 5 October 2016 - 3pm - 4pm - Friends of Beccles Free School meeting

Monday 10 October 2016 - 4pm - 6pm - Choir movie night

Thursday 13 October - 4pm - 6.30pm - Year 7 Tutor Evening - Friends welcome to come and talk to Year 7 Parents / Carers too

Thursday 3 November 2016 - 6.30pm - 8.30pm - Quiz and Chips £3.50 adults, £1.50 children - tickets available from the school office.

Friday 2 December - 4pm - 5.30pm - School Christmas Fair

Thank you for all who baked or ate cake and donated money at the Macmillan Coffee Morning on Tuesday 20 September 2016.

We raised a magnificent £114.81

LIBRARY News

Our school library is now up and running after its revamp and it is open most lunchtimes for browsing and borrowing. We are lending a book at a time for the period of a week to all children who would like to borrow.

You can access the library from the internet by going to becclesfreescho.libib.com. Here you can browse all our books and even put a hold on a book if you wish. This book will then be saved at school for a week and your child will be able to ask the librarians to check it out for them. To be able to do this you will need to click 'Add Hold' found under the picture of the book. You will be prompted for an email address and a password. The first time you do this, you will need to request a password. Good luck! If you have any difficulties with this, students can come and ask for help in the library during lunchtimes.

We do have a section in the library where the books are marked with black labels. This is because we feel that the content is more appropriate for more mature readers. By this we mean emotionally more developed, rather than just a good reader. This is because there are challenging themes in the book, for example graphic depictions of war, violence or horror.

Please do let the school office know if your child loans a book that you find inappropriate as we may have unknowingly let some through the net. If a student wishes to have access to the black label books, then we will need confirmation of this from a parent/carer and this can be done by completing the form at the bottom of this page.

The Library



Volunteer for one lunchtime a month and help support the school library. No experience needed as all training will be provided.

F.A.O The Library

My child in Year is allowed to loan "Black Label" books, as I feel that they are mature enough to deal with the challenging themes that they may encounter in the books.

Signed Parent / Carer Date

School Suggestions

What would you like to see happening at school? Friends of Beccles Free School are always welcome to hear new ideas from students or parents and carers. Please send us your suggestions on the form below and we'll see what we can do. Once completed, please return to the school office.

F.A.O. Friends of Beccles Free School

Name

Parent / Carer of

Suggestion:

