

FRIENDS OF BECCLES FREE SCHOOL

Newsletter

October 2017



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!

50:50 Club winners

June: Samantha Atkins
July: Sue Green
August: George Wall

Friends Committee:

Chair: Claire Jackson

Secretary/Vice-Chair: Felicity McAlindon
fmcalindon@becclesfreeschool.org.uk

Treasurer: Deborah Smith

Vice – Secretary: Helen Gartley

Vice-Treasurer: Sharon High

Quiz and Chips

Friday 13 October 6.30pm-8.30pm
£3 adults £1.50 children, includes chips!

Come with friends to pick your wits against other teams. Prizes galore. Other refreshments available to purchase. Fabulous hamper of luxury foods to win in a raffle. Be there or be square!

Donations Please...

Teapots, milk jugs, cafetieres and tea spoons. If any of these that are surplus to your needs, Friends would be greatly appreciative of donations. We are trying to add a touch of class, maybe a hint of vintage chic, a soupcon of economy and a large amount of eco-awareness to our future selling of teas and coffees. Pretty table cloths and vases would also be of help. Thank you!

Library Rota

The Library at Beccles Free School is run by parent volunteers. If you think you may have time for one lunchtime a month (or more) and you would like to volunteer, please contact Felicity on fmcaldon@becclesfreeschool.org.uk. All training given, and you get a free lunch!

October

Monday 2nd - Volunteer Needed

Tuesday 3rd - Deborah

Wednesday 4th - Amanada

Thursday 5th - Felicity

Friday 6th - Claire

Monday 9th - Deborah

Tuesday 10th - Helen

Wednesday 11th - Amanda

Thursday 12th - Felicity

Friday 13th - Volunteer needed

Monday 30th - Deborah

Tuesday 31st - Helen

Halloween Disco

Tuesday 31 October 5.30pm-7.30pm.

Last year, the library held a Fright Night event. This year we are BIGGER! We have booked a disco and we will be providing hot food, drinks and snacks to purchase on the night. The tickets are £3 and everyone is welcome, especially those dressed to scare or impress! Tickets can be purchased from the school office, or on the door. Competitions for most frightening costume, most effort put into a costume, apple bobbing and doughnut eating. Spend the half term creating your fancy dress master pieces! Woooooooooooo!



Fundraising for Last Term - Thank You!

Showcase raised £168.16 - Thank you to Shannon for everything she did to support this event along with all the Friends who attended on the day to make sure it ran like clockwork. Another great Showcase!

Sports Day raised £213.28 - Thank you to Deborah for making sure that the pop up café was a huge success and to Shannon for running the ice cream stand. Again many thanks to the numerous Friends that came and became waitresses for the afternoon. A lovely addition to what is already a great summer event at school.

Beccles Open Gardens and Spaces raised £34.00 - This was a last minute decision to participate in the scheme that is run throughout Beccles and Worlingham. The fabulous school enrichment club garden was open for viewing over Beccles Charter Weekend and anyone visiting could purchase refreshments from a pop up café that the Friends manned. Next year, the school will take more of a lead role in the event, so watch this space...

Dates for your Diary

Parenting Course - Week 1 - Wednesday 15 November 7-8.30pm Week 2 0- Wednesday 22 November
Week 3 - Wednesday 29 November 7-8.30pm

Friday 8 December 3-5pm Christmas Fair

Friday 15 December 2.30pm School Carol Service at St.

Michael's Church

Monday 15 January: Open Friends Meeting 6pm. All welcome!

Second Hand Uniform 50:50 Sales

Please consider selling unwanted uniform through our 50:50 plan. We will sell your uniform at one of our many events, and you will receive 50% of the sales value. All uniform needs to be freshly laundered and brought in on hangers with your name and contact details attached to each item. Each month, if any sales are made, you will be contacted and a cheque made available for you to collect from the office. A great way to sell on your uniform and help us to fundraise!

Small changes, big differences.



Triple P Teen Seminars

Beccles Free School, Castle Hill, Beccles, NR34 7BQ

This series of three evidence based seminars is for all interested parents and carers.

Triple P seminars illustrate the use of Positive Parenting to encourage teenagers to learn the skills they will need. It also helps support parents to help their teen's developmental and emotional well being. Each session can stand alone. However, it is beneficial to attend all three.

Refreshments will be provided

PRESENTERS:

Frances Desborough, Area Parenting Coordinator

COURSE DATES:

- 1. Seminar 1 Wednesday 15th November 7.00pm -8.30pm
Raising Responsible Teenagers*
- 2. Seminar 2 Wednesday 22nd November 7.00pm - 8.30pm
Raising Competent Teenagers*
- 3. Seminar 3 Wednesday 29th November 7.00pm - 8.30pm
The Teenage Brain and Getting Teenagers Connected*

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