

FRIENDS OF BECCLES FREE SCHOOL

Newsletter June 2018



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!

Sports Day Wednesday 13 June

Come and find Friends of Beccles Free School in the pop up café behind the restaurant.

Hot drinks, cold drinks, cakes and ice creams all available.

A word from the Chair of Friends of Beccles Free School:

It has been an amazing 2018 so far with Friends. Buoyed up on the success of our Christmas Events, The School Christmas Fair and Beccles Lights Switch On, we were able to donate to a very worthy local charity. This gave us a springboard to sponsoring the fabulous lighting at the amazing school production, Little Shop of Horrors. Due to the generosity of the lighting company we were able to help 'light the way' at a wonderful Showcase. This gave us the opportunity to bid farewell to Mr Youngman and Mr Ward, both staunch supporters of Friends. Looking to the future, we are very excited to be hosting our Inaugural Novelty Dog Show in June as well as entertaining and supporting the upcoming year 7s at the Welcome BBQ.

None of the above would be possible without the commitment, support and many man hours given by the Friends of Beccles Free School. You may be unaware that by being a parent at Beccles Free School you are automatically a Friend - you are welcome to any Open Meeting where you will be greeted with very open arms. By supporting Friends in any capacity, whether attending meetings, baking cakes, donating pre-loved uniform or sharing a cup of tea at any of our events, you are helping to shape the future of the Beccles Free School family of Parents, pupils, Staff and the local community. In partnership, we are stronger.

My last word must go to the Staff at Beccles Free School. It is rare in a High School to have such a cohesive team of people that support each and every event we run with enthusiasm, laughter and unstinting loyalty. It might help that the baking fairies leave mysterious parcels in the Staff Room sometimes!

I look forward to sharing our upcoming events with you all and hope to see you all soon. If you would like to know anything about Friends, please leave your contact details with the school office and I will get in touch.

Claire Jackson, Chair of Friends of Beccles Free School

Library

Beccles Free School Library is run by parents. We open the library every lunchtime and welcome all students to come and read, work or chat. Students are encouraged to borrow books: one book at a time whilst we are at school and then up to 5 books over the holiday times.

Our school library catalogue can be viewed at becclesfreescho.libib.com where books can be browsed and then put on hold by students at home and collected during the week at school. We are always keen to add to our merry team of parent volunteers to help. If you, a relative or friend would like to volunteer their time in school, then please get in contact with the school office. Volunteers usually come into school at 12.30pm to give the library a quick tidy up, and then go in for a delicious free lunch. After that it's tidying, cataloguing, chatting about books (and life!) until 1.50pm when the students leave to go to their tutor groups. A final tidy up and out by 2pm.

If you have a lunchtime free and would enjoy helping in our very friendly and welcoming library, then do let us know.



50:50 Club

A fabulous way of supporting our fundraising, and therefore helping to provide those extra special touches that make students of Beccles Free School have a great time at school, is to join the 50:50 Club. In essence similar to a lottery, you agree to buy at least one number a month for a £1 which is put into the 'pot'. Once a month, a number is pulled at random and the winner receives half the pot, the school putting the other half into the Friends funds. Please contact the school office, look out for Friends at school events or print off and send back the form at the end of this newsletter to join.

RECENT SUPPORT FROM FRIENDS MADE POSSIBLE THROUGH FUNDRAISING:

- Providing the lighting at the school production of Little Shop of Horrors
- Putting £3000 into the development of the sports courts facilities.
- Making a donation to a local charity
- Providing book tokens to winners of the World Book Day cake competition

FRIENDS of BECCLES FREE SCHOOL are always on the look out for **volunteers**. In school we help with a range of different aspects of school life. Below are some of the ways that you could get involved:

- Helping with refreshments at evening events like Showcases or Quiz and Chips nights.
- Spending lunchtime in the library helping to organise and catalogue books.
- Donating used but in good condition school uniform for our second hand stall.
- Talking to new parents at Progress Evenings.

If you are interested, do come along to one of our meetings or leave a message with the school office and a Friend will get in touch with you.

Novelty Dog Show 23 June from 10.30am

Is your dog a top pedigree chum? Is he a champion in your eyes? Would he win a lot in the classes we have planned? Bring, borrow or beg a dog to enter in to the dog show event of Beccles. Friends of Beccles Free School are venturing into the canine arena. Classes include Best Behaved Pup, Fancy Dress, Sausage Sit and Stay, Best child handler under 10, Best Six Legs, Waggiest Tail and Handsomest Dog. Watch out in ParentMail for more information.

BECCLES FREE SCHOOL'S

1st Annual Novelty Dog Show



BECCLES
FREE SCHOOL
"Providing a foundation for life"

Free
Entry!

Saturday 23 June 2018

10.30am - 2.30pm

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

★ Refreshments Available ★

★ Tea ★ Coffee ★ Cold Drinks ★

★ Proceeds in aid of ★

★ Meadow Green Dog Rescue Centre and Beccles Free School ★

Novelty Dog Show

Entries taken on the day - £1.50 per class
(Champion class is free)

Classes to enter...  Best Behaved Puppy (6 months and under)
 Best Veteran (7 years and older)  Best Dog in Fancy Dress
 Most Handsome Dog  Prettiest Bitch
 Waggiest Tail  Sausage, Sit and Leave
 Best Six Legs  Child Handler (Under 10 years)

All First Places compete in Champion Class (for Free)
Lots of Prizes and Rosettes to be won

For more information please call Helen on 01502 713148 or 07828 670357



50/50 Club Supscription

As a means of raising money for the school, the Friends of Beccles Free School is setting up a 50/50 Club. Anyone over the age of 18 years, connected with the school is eligible to join. Joining the 50/50 Club is extremely easy, low cost, but something that makes a big difference to the School.

To become a member you agree to pay £1 per month to the club for one number (each additional number is £1.00, you can buy as many numbers as you wish). Every month 50% of the money collected goes to the Friends to help provide the school with items such as books, software, sports equipment etc. The remaining 50% will be given away as prize money. The more people who join the club, the more money we raise for the school and the greater the prize money each month.

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.....

Child's Name..... Year

Address.....

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Email

Contact No:.....

I would like () numbers at £1 each per month and I agree to pay & 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

1. The Club shall be known as the Friends of Beccles Free School 50/50 Club.
2. 50% of the monthly income shall be distributed as prize money, 50% will be used to benefit the school.
3. A Prize draw shall be made each month. (With the exception of the August draw which will take place the first week of September).
4. Each number purchased will cost £1 per month. Members shall be required to pay a year's subscription (per number).
5. Notice of each month's winner will appear on the School Website.
6. 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.
7. Each member shall be given a number per £1 and will be entered into each draw (so long as the fees are paid).
8. 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.