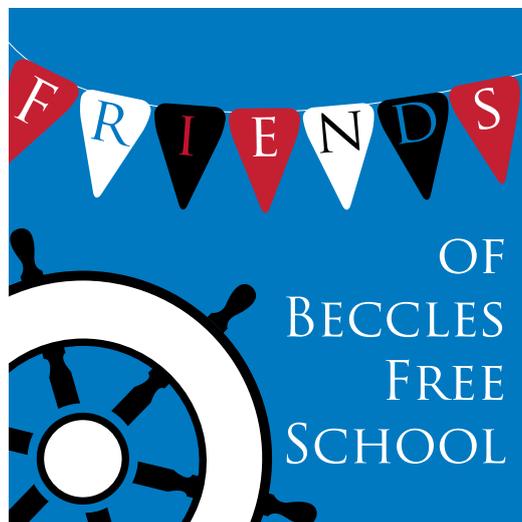


FRIENDS OF BECCLES FREE SCHOOL

Newsletter

November 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 Winners!

September's winner was:

Robert Peck

October's winner was:

Samantha Atkins

Dates for your Diary

Parenting Seminars:
15, 22 and 29 November 7-8.30pm

St. Michael's Church Fair at Beccles Christmas Lights Night: Friday 24 November.
Come and support our Friends of Beccles Stall in the church!

Showcase: Thursday 7 December

Christmas Fair: Friday 8 December

50:50 Club

Anyone wishing to become a member of the 50:50 Club, an excellent way to support the fundraising at the school as well as having a little flutter, needs to collect a form from the office or contact Felicity McAlindon on fmcalindon@becclesfreeschool.org.uk.

It costs only £1 per month per number and each month there is a draw to win half the monthly donations! You gotta be in it to win it, so they say.

Library Rota

December

Friday 1st Claire

Monday 4th -Volunteer Needed

Tuesday 5th - Helen

Wednesday 6th - Amanda

Thursday 7th - Felicity

Friday 8th -Volunteer Needed

Monday 11th -Volunteer Needed

Tuesday 12th - Deborah

Wednesday 13th - Amanda

Thursday 14th - Felicity

Friday 15th - Claire

If any parent, grandparent or extended family would like to help with our school library, then that would be marvellous. We run the library on a voluntary basis for the school and open it during term time at lunchtimes. We have seen it grow from strength to strength over the last year. Many students spend time in the library studying, reading or catching up with their friends. We are always keen for students to trial as librarians and any committed trainees becomes fully fledged librarians after a few weeks. Students are able to borrow a book for a week at a time. We are struggling to fill all the days at the moment and would greatly appreciate extra support. All training will be given. Please contact the school or email Felicity McAlindon on fmcAlindon@becclesfreeschool.org.uk

Thank you to...

Open Evening

Thank you to all the Friends that supported the school open evening at the beginning of term. We have a fabulous school and it is always great to have Friends there to share their experiences with potential parents.

MacMillan Coffee Morning

We had a lovely morning raising money in the school restaurant for MacMillan. Many thanks to Friends who made cakes, organised and served tea, coffee and cakes to parents and neighbours of the school that dropped in. We managed to raise £87.09

Quiz and Chips

The rattling of brain cells was heard over Beccles as the annual Quiz and Chips evening successfully took place just before half term. Many thanks to Friends who ran this event and to parents who competed. We raised £99

Halloween Disco

This was a step up from last year and the first time that Beccles Free School has seen a disco! Those that attended had a great time as KSD Mobile Discos couldn't have been more helpful and professional. The Gartley Family and the Simpsons supplied decorations extraordinaire and a huge thank you goes out to them for all their hard work. Students created fabulous costumes and indeed I will not forget the co-joined slasher sisters (yep, sharing not only a vast t-shirt but also leggings!) or the cosplayers and indeed the other blood splattered students!

Christmas Fair



THE FRIENDS OF
BECCLES FREE SCHOOL
Christmas Fair
8 December 2017 3pm - 5pm
in the School Hall - All Welcome!

Friday 8 December 3pm-5pm

This year we are raising money for Amber's Smile, supporting a Beccles family (please see Amber's Smile on Facebook for more information) and Friends of Beccles Free School (FBFS).

Many students will be allowed out of lessons to attend the Christmas Fair from 3pm. Students are very welcome to organise their own stalls. Last year we had some very interesting stalls that included seeing whether you dared put your hand in goo for a prize, or whether you would like to purchase a Fantastic Beasts cake. If your child has an idea and would like to support the fundraising then please could they speak to their tutor, or contact the Chair of FBFS Mrs Jackson, Rory's mum, on [claire](mailto:claire.jackson2@virgin.net).
jackson2@virgin.net.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE INVOLVED?

There are many ways you could help us...

Volunteer your time on the day. We always welcome help setting up beforehand and tidying up afterwards. In addition, there are a number of stall that Friends run and any time you can give to help on these would be hugely appreciated.

Sell your wares. If you have a business and would like to have a stall, then please contact our Chair, Mrs Jackson, on claire.jackson2@virgin.net. Anyone with a child at the school doesn't pay, although a gift for our raffle is appreciated. If you know anyone else who would like to run a stall, then we ask £10 per table.

Donate goods. Cakes on the day make the Christmas Café a rip roaring success. Books, unwanted gifts and bottles are hugely appreciated before the event. Please leave them with the school office.

And please do make suggestions if you have an idea you are bursting to try out! We are a friendly bunch in Friends and always value input whether sensible, creative or indeed wacky.