



Of Nercwys School

What is Friends?

Friends are a group of parents and teachers who come up with ideas to support the children in the school through organising social events, fund raising and helping with other school events such as the nativity.

When do Friends meet?

About twice a term at the end of the school day, so that teachers can attend too. Children can attend after school club for free while parents are in the meeting, just tell the school in advance. We thought we would also meet every other time in a pub in the evening for a social, so more parents can get involved. Dates for next term:

- Monday 18th September 3.15pm at school (AGM)
- Thursday 5th October 7.30pm/8pm at local pub (venue to be confirmed)

Who goes?

Everyone is welcome! You don't need to attend all the meetings – just tell someone you are happy to get involved. The more parents join in, the more fun activities we can arrange for the children (and parents!) and the more money we can raise for the children's resources. We are hoping to have a noticeboard in the playground to make it easier to share information.

What has Friends done this year?

Easter Bingo (raised £86.71)

Stall at Village Fair (raised £63)

Build a scarecrow after school activity

Refreshments & raffle etc at Christmas Concert (raised £643.35)

Christmas crafts after school activity

Design a Christmas Card (used to be a calendar)

What has the money been spent on?

There is currently £1,764 in the Friends account. Friends support has paid for:

Football/ netball kits £298.88

Cricket stumps & rounders bats

Calculators - Year 6 leaving present

Transport for Greenwood trip £320

New reading books £1,461.60

Ice creams at the panto £63.60

What help is needed?

You don't have to attend a meeting to help, just tell someone you are willing to get involved. We need:

- Ideas for social events the children would enjoy
- Help from parents in running the events e.g. help with crafts or serving drinks / making sandwiches
- Donations when we need to do a tombola for example, or prizes for the Easter Bingo
- Help selling raffle tickets

What is coming up?

It will be a new year – new people – new ideas! What do you think the children and families might enjoy? It's a bonus if they raise money for the school at the same time.

Some ideas in the pipeline are:



Sheep racing!



Private cinema showing



Christmas grotto



Your ideas!