

Friends Newsletter

Spring/Summer 2012

SUMMER FAIR - Friday 29th June



Indoor play Equipment – requested by School Council

We're all Friends of Norton Free... Helping our school provide the best for our children

Huge thanks to everyone who joined in the race night in March. The event itself raised over £500 and was a big success yet again, we do hope to be able to do it again next year. Thanks to the race sponsors organisers and everyone who contributed to a great night.

Thanks also to everyone for the fantastic turnout at the Christmas Fair this year. A lovely time was enjoyed by all and we raised over £800. As always the school choir did an excellent job entertaining everyone and the hot food available from Povey Farm went down a treat.

A special well done to our Year 5 pupils and their young enterprise stall; they

raised over £100 on their stall alone. For those of you who didn't get a chance to visit, the Y5 pupils were asked to come up with ideas and make something that they could sell at the fair.

Another popular stall this year was the pocket money stall, selling amongst other things stretchy little lizards, which ended up in some bizarre places!



What's next?

As you know probably know by now the next fundraising event will be the Annual Summer Fair- Friday 29th June from 3:20pm to 5:30pm. As always **helpers are desperately needed** to 'man the stalls'. Each class will have a stall to run, your class teachers will probably approach you to help for as little or as long as you can spare, this could mean fetching

water for the stocks, hooking ducks, painting pots or serving on the tuckshop. We hope to have a wide and varied range of stalls and activities planned to help make this year another successful one.

Maybe your employer could donate a prize for the raffle? Please email if this is something you can help with.



Recent Fundraisers

- Race Night 2012
– raised over £500
- Sales of school calendar 2012
– raised over £100
- Christmas Fair 2011
– raised almost £800
- Sponsored Walk 2011
– raised almost £1000



The main target for current fundraising is to replace the path around the Trim Trail, during spells of wet weather the grass becomes muddy and thus out of bounds.

We are also purchasing other items for school such as play & sport equipment, music players for classrooms, craft opportunities for all classes and other gifts & prizes.

SUMMER FAIR REQUEST

Pre-Loved Uniform

We will be having a second hand uniform stall, please send any uniform to school during - week ending Friday 1st June

Glass jars

We aim to use these on the craft stall, please send any washed and de-labelled jam type jars to school during - week ending Friday 15th June.

Book Stall

If anyone has any books they would like to donate please bring to school during - week ending 22nd June

**** ONE DAY ONLY – ALL OF THE ABOVE CAN BE DONATED ON 22ND JUNE ****

(All items are greatly appreciated but please stick to the dates indicated as storage is limited)

Cakes & Buns

This stall always does well and it is with the donations you bring to school. Once again we are asking for you to dust off those baking gloves and donate cakes, buns, biscuits and other culinary delights for us to sell. Please bring these to school before 10am on the 29th June.

Friends of Norton Free

Friends of Norton Free meet every couple of months usually at Lees Hall Golf Club*. Every parent at Norton Free is automatically a 'friend'.

Help, input, suggestions and ideas are always appreciated. Please drop a note in the post box in the school entrance or email FoNF at the address below.

Ideally we would like one or two representatives from each year group to help the committee and ensure the children benefit from everything possible during their time at Norton Free School.

Could you spare a couple of hours each month to attend the meetings? Would you like to sponsor the calendar by advertising on it? Maybe your employer could donate prizes for the summer raffle? Your input at the meetings would

help to ensure the money raised by the school and FoNF is used in the way your class and your child/ren would like it to be?

FoNF also works with the school, individual parents & governors to organize:

- Supermarket school voucher & box top token schemes
- Scholastic book service
- Bags to school – clothing recycling
- Annual school calendar, with input from every child
- Tuck-shops, Tea's & Coffees at school events

Some of the activities above are undertaken individually by parents on behalf of the school fundraising teams, without their support these things would not happen.

*venue can be subject to change

Aims

Friend of Norton Free works with the school to help provide the best possible care, education and experiences for all of our children.

Our main fundraising aim for this year is to raise enough funds to replace the path around the trim trail.

However we have been raising funds for lots of other smaller things too. Friends of Norton Free were approached by the school council to provide new activities for indoor / rainy day playtimes in the classrooms. Each class was given a sum of money to purchase items of their choice.

Your efforts have/will also enable the school to:

- Replace the welcome mat in the school foyer
- Buy additional reading materials for all classes
- Partially fund the 'Rocky Outcrop experience'
- Purchase equipment for afterschool clubs/sports
- Engage a craft activity for all pupils relating to the Olympics
- We are, at request of the pupils also looking at improving the goal markings in the ball court
- Buy a gift for all year 6 leavers
- Easter eggs for the whole school & prizes for Easter competitions

Please join us at the **next meeting**
on **Tuesday the 12th June**
7pm at Lees Hall Golf Club



The Rocky Outcrop experience is an excellent opportunity for all pupils to learn about the outdoors right here on our doorstep, making excellent use of the woodland surrounding our school. This opportunity is being rolled out to the entire school; Friends of Norton Free activities raised part of the funds to make this possible.

