



# The Owl Post

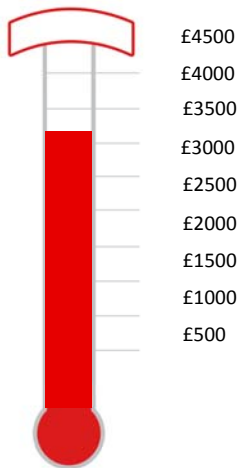


Firstly, a very warm welcome to all new children, parents, teachers and assistants who have joined the schools this term. The Owl Post is the Friends of Barnes Farm Schools Newsletter, which is published quarterly to provide you with news of our forthcoming fundraising and social events and report on monies raised over the year.

The team is made up of parents, carers and teachers who meet every 6-8 weeks for an hour or so to discuss ideas and plan events. Your help and support is invaluable and we welcome you to get involved in any way you can, so why not come along to our next meeting on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November at 7.45pm in the Infant Staff Room. If you can't attend our meetings but would still be able to offer some of your time to help us then please contact us about joining our 'Owlet People Bank'.

**Charlotte Blackie & Rebecca Pascoe-Youell, Co-Chairs - (E: [chairfobfs@yahoo.com](mailto:chairfobfs@yahoo.com))**

## Fundraising



### Summer Fete

Thank you so much for staying to support our summer fete! The weather was glorious again this year and the children looked like they had lots of fun playing the traditional stalls, alongside the bouncy castles, face painting, goal shootout, the M&C BBQ and of course the highlight of sponging the head teachers!

Thank you for all your donations and to those who volunteered their time to help set up and man stalls on the day, we raised a massive ... £2182.01!

This was a hugely successful event that creates an amazing amount of much needed funds for the schools, it does however take a lot of planning and we have already pencilled next years' fete into the school diary. If you have any good ideas or would like to get involved with the planning of this or any other events then please get in touch. - (E: [chairfobfs@yahoo.com](mailto:chairfobfs@yahoo.com))

We have really raised the bar even further this year and have already been able to donate a further £1500.00 to each school this month.

### Junior School Disco

This was a fantastic night and thanks to the huge energy of our resident DJ Jazz, the children once again looked like they had an amazing time! A big thank you to all who volunteered their time to run this successful evening, we raised in the region of £400.00



## Winter Bazaar!

### Saturday 12th November 2 - 4pm

Join us for an afternoon of festive fun and shopping!

We are looking to expand this years' event with even more exciting stalls, fun for the children and Christmas shopping opportunities.

See over for further details and information on being a stallholder.



### Dates for your diary:

- Sat 12th November - Winter Bazaar 2-4pm
- Sat 10<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Craft Morning 10am-12pm
- Fri 14<sup>th</sup> July – 2017 Summer Fete

### Things to watch out for:

- Easter/Spring Craft Morning
- Bag2School collection - Spring 2017
- 2017 Infant and Junior Discos

## Winter Bazaar - Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2-4pm

We will be hosting our Winter Bazaar on 12<sup>th</sup> November and are planning to make it even bigger and better than last year, with a range of stalls including crafts, gifts and fun for the children. There will also be some great raffle prizes up for grabs so look out for details of ticket sales in your children's book bags, Facebook and posters, coming soon!

We are looking for local traders or crafters who would be interested in holding a stall at our bazaar. Whether you have a product to sell or business to advertise we would be interested in hearing from you. Please pass this message on to your family and friends who may have a small business to represent, or any crafters you know who would love to show and sell their work. We are looking to have a variety of products on sale including crafts, small gifts and children's items so if you are interested in this great opportunity then please contact us for further details - Donna on **(E:chairfobfs@yahoo.com)**.

We are pleased to have secured advertising for the Winter Bazaar and are now looking for volunteers to host an advertising board at their property. The boards will be put up 2 weeks before the event and taken down shortly after and are usually placed somewhere at the front of the property. As a thank you for hosting a board all names will be put into a hat to win a bottle of Prosecco, so if you are able to help then please contact us on the above email.



## Christmas Craft Morning - Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December 10am-12pm

The Christmas Craft Morning is an event the children really look forward to and we also look forward to seeing their festive creations! Our craft team are busy preparing brand new crafts for the children to try this year, including a sweet treat so look out for further details and ticket sales coming soon!

Join our Craft Team! - We are looking for new members so if you think you would enjoy helping behind the scenes or assisting on one of our tables at our Christmas Craft Morning then please get in touch on the below email. ☺

## How can you help your PTA?

Our fantastic fundraising efforts are already raising much needed money for the schools to spend on creating an enhanced learning environment for our children. Some recent example include the renovation of the Infants natural garden area and contribution towards the Multi Use Games Area in the Junior School. As well as raising money we also provide lots of fun and social activities that the children really enjoy such as the school discos, craft mornings and the summer fete!

To continue the good work of the PTA for the coming year we do however need more members to offer ideas and help plan and set up some of our events. You can offer as little or as much time as you wish and there is no pressure to attend all the meetings or events, we value any support you can offer so please contact us on **(E:chairfobfs@yahoo.com)**.

Christmas shopping online this year? See below re our easyfundraising loyalty scheme where you can raise money by simply shopping! There is now an app available to download so it is even easier and Amazon is one of retailers too!

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Easyfundraising works in a similar way to loyalty shopping sites but instead of earning points when you shop you raise a donation for Barnes Farm Schools. What an effortless way to support your school! If you shop online please download the Easyfundraising 'Find and Remind' toolbar and every time you shop, it will pop up to remind you to click before you buy!

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