



FRIENDS OF DISHFORTH NEWSLETTER



Welcome to the second Friends of Dishforth Newsletter



WELCOME TO THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR



Firstly, a huge welcome to the new families that have joined us during last term. We are the 'Friends of Dishforth Primary School' (FODs) a group of volunteers who organise fund raising events to provide a vital extra income source for our school to use to benefit the children. Our biggest expenditure to date has been the purchase of Netbooks and trolley, giving each child the opportunity to access the devices. It was great to see class 3 using them to learn about computer coding when we popped in for a recent visit.

EVENTS SINCE OUR LAST NEWSLETTER - HALLOWEEN DISCO

This was a great evening of disco magic held in Dishforth Village Hall, resident DJ Winnie the Witch, took the party vibe to the next level with a glow in the dark surprise. This event made a profit for us this year. Thanks to the huge support buying tickets and donations of food for the party goers - What does 2024 Halloween have in store?





CHRISTMAS FAYRE 2023

This was held at the village hall for the first time which saw the introduction of mulled wine and our famous tombola. We took a table charge from the other stall holders and sold refreshments. - logistically holding the Christmas fair in school has become a bit of a challenge with set up time and space. Sadly, though despite best efforts and the event being very well attended the total raised was significantly less than the previous year.



PRELOVED UNIFORM SHOP

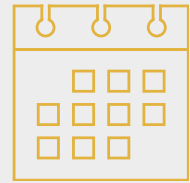


Preloved uniform is always in demand and is currently run by Catherine, who is now ready to step down, so if you would be interested in taking over from her, please give her a shout or get in touch with school. The introduction of our Sum Up and QR codes for making a payment has made the role much easier. Thanks you for the time you have given to this role Catherine it really is appreciated.



OUR BALANCE FROM FUNDRAISING THIS YEAR STANDS AT APPROX. £865 - THIS DOESN'T INCLUDE OUR UNIFORM SHOP.

DISHFEST - GET INVOLVED



***Dishfest 2024 ***

-The organisers of the event have again kindly agreed to share the profit of the event by donating 50% to us at school - Please please buy your tickets. Last year it sold out and was a great day for young and old. School received £1500 last year.

***Volunteering at Dishfest ***

We need your help - if you can volunteer 2+ hours of your time to either The Friends of Dishforth School or the organising committee of Dishfest you can get a free ticket.

Biscuit Bake - From 13:00 -15:00hrs we will have a biscuit decorating table. This will be led by Kelly Days owner and baking demonstrator of Sunflower Bakery. Also mummy to children in class 1 and class 2. Kelly needs our support, with a minimum of 4 volunteers for the 2 hours.

Get your Glam on

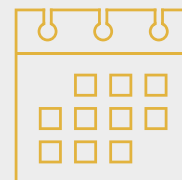
Kirstie Lowe from 15:30 - 18:00hrs will transform us with festive glitter vibes to party the night away. - last year Kirstie and Annette worked endlessly to transform the faces of children and grown-ups - We need at least 3 people to support her.

Tombola

We have built a reputation for having one of the best school tombola's! - We need donations but also mums, dads, carers, grandparent, to help man it. This is best done in shift from 13:00hrs.

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WHAT ELSE IS HAPPENING?



***Change Jar Challenge ***

Change Jar Challenge - Appearing in your child's class we have change jars and a challenge for the classes to fill them - The aim is to raise as much money as we can between now and Friday 17th May. - Casey Marsh a reception mummy, has designed and created our change jars, The challenge - can your class generate £80 or more - the winning class will receive a portion of the funds raised, to spend on something of their choice, a Donation will also be made to The Royal British Legion as we mark the 80th Anniversary of D-Day and the Battle of Normandy.

***Give us your unwanted items ***

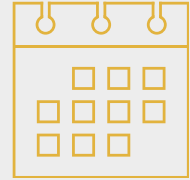
We will be looking for your unwanted items that are in good saleable condition, so perhaps that out grown bike, school coat that's too small or unwanted gift. We are currently setting up a selling account on various platforms, such a vinted, Ebay, Facebook Market place, but as we are a charity, we need to make sure we comply with all the legal bits before we launch.

***Easy Donating ***

Soon you will be able to share with family and friends a link to our donations system. This means if you are unable to pop along to an event but would still like to make a financial contribution you can. We know as parents, carers it's hard to do everything and sometimes having the option to just make a donation is easier, but the best bit is, it doesn't have to be exclusive to us as a school community we can share it with everyone and claim Gift Aid.

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***End of Term Party ***

We would like to know your thoughts on an end of year bash!? This is not something we have done as a school community for several years due to Covid. - Would it be something you are interested in?

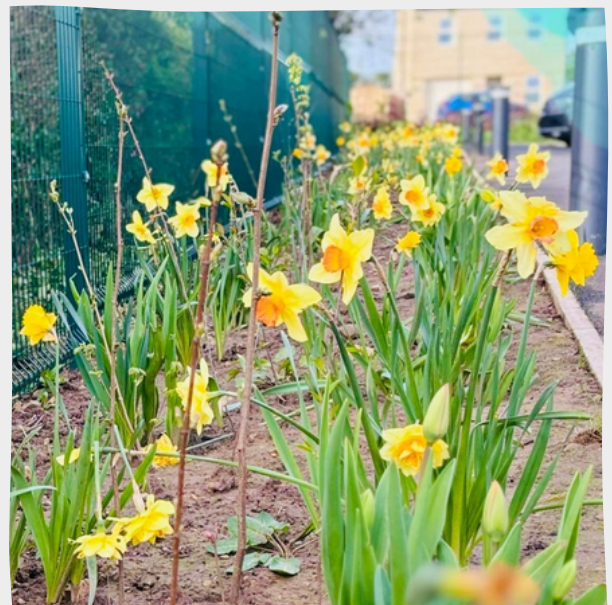
Fresh Ideas

Do you have an idea you would like Friends Of Dishforth to look into, or would you like to be more involved? Please do get in contact.

Friendsofdishforthschool@gmail.com

LASTLY A BIG THANK YOU

And finally, a big thank you to the team of volunteers who planted the daffodils and tulips in the school car park - what an awesome job! - the show of glorious yellow to welcome us back to school was stunning.



THANK YOU FOR READING