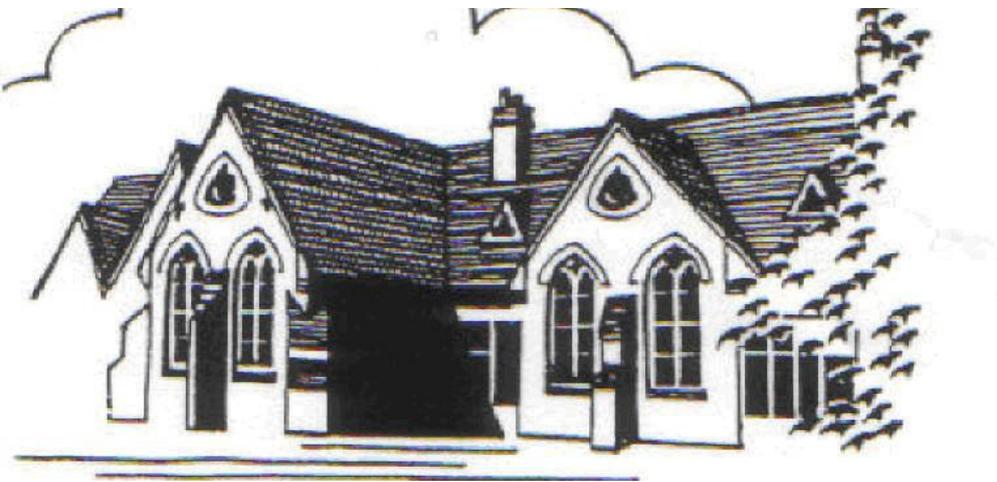


FRIENDS NEWS



JANUARY UPDATE:

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1. WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING



We would like to thank everyone who supported the events by volunteering, by attending or by donating. It is much appreciated. Here's a little re-cap of all the tremendous fundraising efforts.

We would like to say a huge well done to all the pupils who took part in the **Swimathon** and raised a whopping **£1,587!!** What an incredible effort. Special thanks to mum Abi Philippidis, who organised such a brilliant day.

The amount raised for **Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day**, organised by Sarah Harvey, was **£193**. Thank you to all who donated.



'**The Spirit of Christmas**', so very kindly organised by Mrs Thomas and Mrs Gilmore. So many positive comments and praise for the atmosphere that afternoon. The Fair raised a marvellous **£608** of which 50% will be donated to the 4 charities chosen by the 4 school houses.

The **Christmas Raffle** made **£680**, with huge thanks to organisers Roxy Holdstock and Gemma Todd. The incredible amount of hampers looked spectacular.



Carol Concert Refreshments, thank you to Carline Pote and Bev Cunningham for organising a team of volunteers to provide a hot drinks service for everyone attending the Carol Service, raising **£70**.

We recently changed our supplier for recycling clothes into funds for the school, to the **Happy School Bag Collection**. Thank you to Kate for co-ordinating, the last collection raised **£252**.

2. WHAT'S NEXT

Friends Meeting - we have had to postpone the next Friends meeting from 7th February to **Wednesday 21st February**. We are really looking for some new blood and it would be great to see you there. It's very informal, we usually consume a glass of something and some nibbles while trying to do something good for the school and our kids. We would love to hear your feedback and get you involved.



We will also start planning our next event for the diary, **Disco Night** on **23rd February** for children in year 1 and up. It is one of children's highlights of the year! The children look forward to this event as they get to see their 'boring old hall' transformed into a glittering sparkly venue and get to spend the evening dancing to DJ Mr T's tunes and socialising with their friends.

This is a team event and we welcome your voluntary time to join in and make the evening an enormous success. We are very much looking for someone to head up this event up plus volunteers on the night, so please contact us on friendsclewergreen@gmail.com.

3. THE LAUNCH PAD

Over the summer holidays an additional room was built in school to provide children with SEN a safe place where they can learn to self-regulate, develop their skills and attainment in order to access the curriculum delivered in class. This room, and the adjacent area, has now been called 'The Launch Pad'.

Back in 2016, the Clewer Clogs, completed 100 miles on their bikes to raise over £4K to go towards revamping and the kitting out of this room/area with resources.

Many children in Clewer Green School will benefit from a well-resourced area focussing on their individual needs and we are delighted to be at the stage where we can provide the resources which will go a long way to providing the children with the material they need to continue to flourish.

More photos/updates to follow as this space gets transformed.



4. VACANCIES

Committee Role: Buyer

As many of you are aware, our fabulous buyer Claire Harffey has stepped down in her role as buyer. We are still looking for someone to take her place. It doesn't have to be just one person maybe there is a couple/few of you who would like to share the load.

Event Organiser: School Disco - this hugely popular and probably one of most exciting events for the kids needs someone to head this up.

Event Organiser: Happy School Bag Collection Co-ordinator

This would require a few hours effort every 6 months to coordinate the collection and oversee communications. The next collection is due in April.





Event Organiser(s): Refreshment Organiser(s).

Claire Harffey and Sharon Sturgess are hanging up their tea bags! It would be lovely to have a couple of new parents take their place to put on refreshment services at various times throughout the year.

If you are interested or would like to chat about any of the above roles, please email friendsclewergreen@gmail.com.

5. UPCOMING DATES

Cake Sale - Friday 9th Feb

Friends Meeting - Wednesday 21st Feb, 7:30pm

Children's Disco - Friday 23rd Feb

Second Hand Uniform Sale/Cake Sale/Easter Raffle - Friday 23rd March

Bunny Bingo - Saturday 24th March



THANKS FOR ALL YOUR ONGOING SUPPORT

Without the support of all the parents, carers and staff at the school, Friends couldn't fund projects that have added so much value to the children's education and enjoyment at Clewer Green.

The aim is not just about fundraising, it's also about increasing the values of our school community, creating unique bonds across the school that makes Clewer Green First School feel like a special place to be part of.

It's a great way of getting to know other parents and gives the children a real sense of belonging.

If you'd like to get involved, in any way you can, contact us on friendsclewergreen@gmail.com or join us at the next Friends meeting and we look forward to welcoming you onboard!

From the Friends Committee

Nerys, Kelly, Chantal, Claire, Ali and Claire



Find us on Facebook. Search Clewer Green Parents Group and ask to join. Your request will be checked and accepted by the school office.