



NEWSLETTER
Autumn Term 2009-2010 - Issue 1

Welcome to our 1st full newsletter of the 2009-2010 term. We hope you all enjoyed the summer break, even if the sun arrived late. In this newsletter, we'll update you on the annual general meeting, put some dates in your diary, ask you for your ideas and most importantly, ask for you to get involved...

AGM

We have some important news from the AGM, which was held on the 23rd September 2009.

- Our treasurer, Philip Saunders, officially stood down.
- Our lotto organiser, Geraldine White, has informed us that she wishes to handover the running of the Lotto.
- We have set the dates for the main events of the year.
- We want to try and organise an evening event aimed at parents.
- We have made a significant donation to the school.

Help! – We need a Treasurer



The standing down of a committee member is a natural event within a PTA and usually goes hand in hand with their children nearing Yr 6 and beyond and moving on to new hobby areas that require the support of parents.

And so after 3 good years we once again find ourselves in need of a Treasurer.

Phil informed us at the end of last term that he intended to stand down as treasurer.

We've had some interest about taking on the role, but to date, no one has been formally appointed.

So, are you good with figures and happy to work in the background in your own time? If so, please get in touch. If you would like more information on the role, please have a look at the website where you can find an informal job description, or please contact Phil directly on 02920 615050 to discuss the role.

Ultimately, if we can't find a treasurer, then we will have to consider winding up as we will be in breach of NCPTA and Charity Commission rules.

	<p>All involved with FoR, Mrs. Harry and staff would very much like to thank Phil and his family for his commitment to the Treasurer role and his much appreciated help at all events over the past 3 years.</p>
	<p>We wish Philip success with his new ventures.</p>

Help! - we need a Lotto organiser

The FoR Lotto is basically a 100-club-style competition. It costs £13/year, and we run draws every month except August, with a bigger prize at Christmas. We are currently reviewing the number of participants and the profitability of the Lotto, but on the assumption that it will continue and could grow, please get in touch if you could take on the organisation of this cog in our fundraising machine.



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Events

Date	What
Sat 5 Dec 09	Christmas Bazaar
Fri 21 May 10	Fun Run
Sat 26 Jun 10	Summer Fete

Meetings

Date	Location (start 7pm)
Wed 14 Oct 09	Staff room

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Dates for the diary

We have set the dates for the Christmas Bazaar, the Fun Run and the Summer Fete – so pencil them in now.

Check the Events box for details.

The main change is the move of the Fun Run to a Friday in May. Our reason for doing this is to try and spread the burden of the major events rather than having the Fete and Fun Run within 10 days of each other.

One for the grown-ups!

Last year, we tried to organise an event aimed purely at parents, but this had to be cancelled due to the organisational burden of the other events. We are keen to get something in the diary for this year. What type of event would interest you? What about location? Have you organised such events before and would be interested in helping us do likewise. Please get in touch and let us know.

Contribution to the Junior playground development

At the AGM, Mrs.Harry presented a four- phase plan for the development of the Junior playground.

This involves the installation of a number of pieces of play and activity equipment.

It was clear that this was a suitable subject for us to invest heavily in, and as such we voted in favour of releasing **£6000 of FoR funds** to implement phase 1.

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This is from monies raised at last year's events. Thank you so much for your support at these events, without which we would not be able to make such exciting things possible.

We will get more details of the phases and place them on the website.

## Online Shopping

Last term, we wrote about **EasyFundraising.org** - an online shopping donation service through which you can make contributions to FoR without spending a penny extra. **We have now exceeded £50 through this service.** With Christmas coming, please think about using this facility to generate extra donations. You can also generate funds by using the related **Easysearch.org** search engine to search the Internet.

Please refer to the website for links and instructions of how to use this service. If the instructions are unclear, please let us know and we will improve them.