



NEWSLETTER Spring Term 2009-2010 - Issue 1

Happy New Year to you all from the Friends of Rhiwbeina. We hope you enjoyed the Christmas break and that the snow brought more fun than frustration. In this issue, we'll be letting you know about...

- The upcoming barn dance
- The Christmas bazaar
- The increase in our EasyFundraising membership, and
- The new process for the Big Invitation book.

Barn Dance

For a long time, we've been considering having an event for parents only. Up to now, we've done family events such as the Bingo night and the Beetle drive, and we've done junior events such as the discos, bounces, etc, but never anything for the grown-ups.

On the Saturday 27th February, we will be holding a Barn Dance at Rhiwbina Recreation Club starting at 7.30pm. The music will be provided by The Pluck and Squeeze Band.

This is the band that played on "Gavin and Stacey" - you can see them in action on the event page on our website. A buffet will be provided, and the Recreation Club has an excellent reputation for their buffets.

They will cost £7.50.

We will be selling a maximum of 100 tickets. To reserve your tickets, call Lisa on 020 20 615 969 or email barn.dance.2010@friendsofrhiwbeina.org.uk.

To purchase tickets, tick the number of tickets required on the reply slip overleaf, complete the details and return via the school. We will return the tickets via your child.

BARN DANCE

SATURDAY 27TH FEBRUARY 2010

7.30PM

RHIWBINA RECREATION CLUB

MUSIC AND DANCE CALLING

BY THE

PLUCK AND SQUEEZE BAND

BUFFET

TICKETS £7.50

Christmas Bazaar

The Christmas Bazaar raised just under £1900 for the school. Thanks for everyone who contributed to this event – especially to the school staff and governors for their participation on the day.

Whilst this is a good amount, and will contribute to our aims for the junior playground development, the total is down a little on previous years.

Why do you think this was? Advertising? Wrong types of stalls? Pricing? Date/time? We have a discussion set up on our Facebook group, or you could contact us via our main website or email. We're listening.

EasyFundraising.org

Update: Our previous newsletter encouraged you to join EasyFundraising.org and many thanks to those of you who did.

Raise funds for the school at...
easyfundraising
.org.uk

We've seen the membership jump to 15 members and the donations generated has now reached £80.

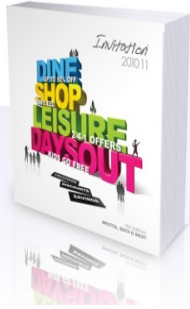
This is a big leap. Please consider joining as it costs you nothing, and will bring regular income to the school.

We are on Facebook



Update: The Facebook group has grown to over a dozen members. As said before, we're going to keep it quite closed down, but we've opened it a little now.

Big Invitation



It is that time of year again when the Big Invitation books are available. Most of you are aware of how these voucher books work.

For new parents, the Big Invitation book is basically a book of vouchers for restaurants, retailers, health and beauty providers, motoring, days out, etc.

The book costs £22.99 to parents, and the school gets a donation for every book sold (from £4 to £10 depending on the number of books sold.)

For those of you who have had these books before, you can renew online at <http://www.invitationbook.co.uk/>.

For new parents, we will have a supply of books available. In previous years, we've given out the books to all parents, but last year, some parents expressed dissatisfaction with this approach.

So this year, we are asking new parents who wish to see a book to let us know either by emailing big.invitation.2010@friendsofrhiwbeina.org.uk, or by ticking and returning the slip below to the school.

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Events

Date	What
Sat 27 Feb 10	Barn dance @ The Rec
Fri 21 May 10	Fun Run
Sat 26 Jun 10	Summer Fete

Contact Details

Tel: Lisa on 029 20 61 59 69
www.friendsofrhiwbeina.org.uk
info@friendsofrhiwbeina.org.uk

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Reply slip

I would like to see a copy of the 2010 Big Invitation book. Please send one home with my child.

I would like tickets for the Barn Dance on 27th February 2010. 1 2 3 4 5 6

I enclose my payment in the attached envelope @ £7.50 each.



My name.....Child's Name.....Class.....