

# Friends of School News

October 2017

**Thank you so much for your support over the past year with various fundraising activities - as a result we've raised over £2700 for the school!**

Friends of School (FoS) exists to raise much needed funds for school to support a wide range of events, activities, equipment and resources for the benefit of our children. We organise social events and fundraisers to enable us to do this. Did you know that all parents/careers with children at school are automatically members of FoS and can join the committee?

We're a very friendly and welcoming bunch and we'd love to see you at our next meeting which is the Annual General Meeting on **Friday 17 November** starting at 1.45 pm in school, we'll be finished by 3 pm. Please come along to find out more.

Contact the Chair Caroline Richards ([caro.richards@googlemail.com](mailto:caro.richards@googlemail.com)), if you'd like further details.

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We're really excited to announce that Friends of School have entered the Aviva Community Fund and we need your votes for a chance to win up to £10,000 to create an all-weather activity track around the playing field.

The Aviva Community Fund gives funding to local projects that are making a positive change in their community which is why we have applied. It's quick and easy to register and vote, and your support is much appreciated – only projects with the most votes will become finalists, so every vote counts!

As many of you know, Friends of School have been working with the teaching staff to improve and enhance the outdoor facilities to increase opportunities for outdoor learning and physical activity. With the hard work and dedication of our parents and teachers during weekend work parties, we have already created an outdoor classroom and storage area called our 'castaway camp' and prepared the ground for seeding a wildflower meadow.

The next ambitious phase is beyond our fundraising capabilities. If we win this funding we can go ahead and develop the playing field by creating an all-weather track, this will be a firm and mud-free surface as it loops and meanders around the school sports pitch providing a fun and inclusive route for all children to run, walk, cycle or scoot.

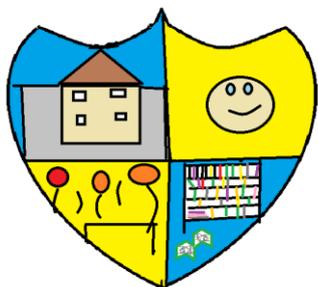
Voting will open on 24 October and the projects with the most votes will become finalists. Anyone who registers on the Aviva Community Fund website can vote for projects between 24 October and 21 November. Once registered, you'll get 10 votes to cast, and we need everyone to vote and support our project so we can get through to the final. Visit [www.avivacommunityfund.co.uk](http://www.avivacommunityfund.co.uk) from the 24 October and find our project and submit your vote before 21 November 2017.

We'd like to thank Blueberry Mortgages and Amanda Hunt (Willow's Mum), who submitted the project to Aviva on our behalf [www.blueberrymortgages.co.uk](http://www.blueberrymortgages.co.uk)

A yellow banner for the Aviva Community Fund. On the left, it says 'Vote for us in the Aviva Community Fund' in green and blue. Below that, it says 'Voting is open 24 Oct - 21 Nov You can cast up to 10 votes to support our project by registering at [avivacommunityfund.co.uk](http://avivacommunityfund.co.uk)'. At the bottom left is the Aviva logo and the text 'AVIVA | Community Fund Retirement | Investments | Insurance | Health'. On the right is a cartoon illustration of a woman with dark hair holding a white sign that says 'VOTE COMMUNITY' in blue and black letters.

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## Future social events?

The Salsa Dance evening on Saturday 14 October was great fun and everyone who came along had a fantastic evening. Sadly ticket sales were poor and we didn't get as many people through the door as we hoped. FoS hasn't done an evening event like this before so we wanted to trial it. We'd love your feedback on the type of social events you and your friends and family would enjoy and would be happy to support. Please do let us know.

## Christmas Lunch

Friends of School will again be hosting the Christmas lunch for all the school children, staff and governors on Wednesday 13 December. Lunch is then followed by a visit from Father Christmas to each classroom. This is such a wonderful festive occasion and we will need lots of parents to help with cooking and serving on the day. More details to follow but please keep the date free if you'd like to help.

For those of you new to school, this is an example of the activities that we have been able to fund during the past school year:

- **Classroom books and soft furnishings**
- **Anti-bullying Roadshow event for all the school**
- **Recorders for music lessons**
- **Christmas lunch for all the school and gifts for the children**
- **Easter prizes and egg hunt for all classes**
- **Castaway Camp – construction of the fire pit and provision of secure storage for outdoor equipment**
- **Year 4 leavers yearbook and contribution to party**

## Christmas Cards

This week your child has had the chance to create their own Christmas card design in school which we are able to have professionally printed. A chance to have unique Christmas cards to send to friends and family with the profits helping to raise funds.

The system is slightly different to previous years but we feel it is now more straightforward. The artwork will be electronically scanned over half-term and then returned to you. You will be able to view and order on-line using the unique code provided.

The deadline for ordering will be 6 November 2017. We expect to receive the final orders back by 15 November and in plenty of time before Christmas.

Castaway Camp and storage container completed (below)



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