

Newsletter

September 2016

Friends of Lady J

Lady Joanna Thornhill (Endowed) Primary School, Wye, Kent

Welcome to the new Autumn term

We hope you had an enjoyable summer, although if you are anything like us it already feels like a distant memory! We have already started gearing up for the new school year, planning events and discovering what the school needs funds for. We hope that everyone will join in the fun to make all the events a huge success.

Hello Mr President!

A warm welcome goes to Mr Chantler, the new Friends President.

As Headteacher, Mr Chantler automatically becomes President of the Friends Association. He very kindly joined us for our first meeting of the year to find out about us and offer his views as to what the Friends can bring to the school.

We look forward to having his support and wish him many happy years at Lady J!

Last School Year—A round up!

Leavers Disco

A wonderful farewell to the Year 6s. A huge thank you goes to last year's Year 5 parents who manned the bar, tuck shop, entrance, bbq etc to ensure that the parents of the Year 6 children could sit back and enjoy their last event. We are sure that this year's Year 5 parents will afford you the same courtesy now that it's your turn.

Funds Raised

With the help of the entire school community we raised in excess of £13,700 over the course of the year. Thank you everyone!



Items Purchased



14 iPads & cases	6 Beebots	12 Roamers
Leavers Presents	Books	4 Microphones
Cake Sale Prize	Pond Liner	2 Gazebos
International Week Contribution		

Well done everybody a fun and successful year - Here's to another!

Upcoming Events

Monday 3rd October

Friends Meeting

Conningbrook Hotel, 8pm

Please join us to start the preparations for Christmas

Friday 14th October

International Evening

Lady Joanna Thornhill School, 6pm

See over for further information.

Monday 17th October

Friends AGM

Music Room, 7.30pm

All welcome for drinks & nibbles.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

Future Communication

To try and avoid the outpouring of paper coming from the Friends, we are going paperless!

All future communication will be via email, Facebook and the noticeboards. A handful of hard copies will be available at Reception.



International Evening

A fun evening of entertainment and food— with an international theme.

Friday 14th October 6pm

Entrance £3 per adult (Free for those bringing food or wearing International dress)



Letter to follow with further details. Rotas will also be displayed in the school entrance. The evening can only happen with the help of everybody, so please offer to help where you can. Many thanks.

All proceeds from the entrance will be given to the Winnie Mabaso Foundation, which supports vulnerable and orphaned children in South Africa. www.winniemabaso.org

Logo Competition

WANTED



NEW LOGO



FOR THE FRIENDS ASSOCIATION

We are excited to announce our **Logo Competition!**

We are looking for a logo that will automatically identify us, so we have decided to ask the children to come up with a design and get the chance to win either a £20 book token or Cineworld Voucher. Look out for a letter.

iPads

The school have asked us to raise funds for 14 new iPads and cases. We asked the school what impact the iPads that we have previously funded have bought to the children. This is what they had to say!

"The iPads are a fantastic purchase for ALL of our children. The iPads that we already have in school have benefitted children in the following ways:

- * Learning how to research the internet effectively in order to increase knowledge, interest and quality of class work.
- * Access to educational apps and games eg. Consolidation of mental arithmetic skills.
- * Taking photos to evidence work, performances, outdoor learning etc.
- * Recording videos in order to allow children to observe and critique their own (and others') performances eg. drama, dance etc.
- * Assisting in ICT lessons eg. Programming 'Roamers' and 'Beebots'.

Buying new iPads would enable children to enjoy these benefits more frequently. We will, of course, be very keen to ensure that the opportunities to use the iPads are shared out as equally as possible amongst the children."

Class Reps

An impassioned plea

Class reps play an important role in linking parents with the Friends Association and helping make events happen by eliciting the help of fellow parents. Ideally class reps come to the monthly meetings so that they are in full possession of all fundraising and event information.

For those parents/carers that would love to be involved but don't have a lot of time it's an ideal way to contribute to the Friends.

The following classes are currently in need of an individual or group to volunteer as Class Reps.

Reception - **Bumblebee & Butterfly**

Year 5 - **Puffin & Swift**

If you are interested please speak to either Kate Morgan or Liz Chaudhuri.

Many thanks!

