

FROGS NEWSLETTER – OCTOBER 2018



Dear Parents & Carers

A warm welcome back to all the parents and carers and a very warm welcome to all the new parents. Starting a new school can be extremely daunting not just for the children but also the parents so please let's be mindful of new faces and try and help them navigate their way through at Goldfield!

As many of you know FROGS (Friends of Goldfield School) is the school PTA. We are here to raise funds for extra resources for the school and last year the funds that were raised paid for resurfacing the playground and for the amazing music garden which can be found in the field. Without the continued and unwavering support from our parents and carers we wouldn't be able to pay for these amazing resources which benefit everyone in the school.

There are many ways in which you can get involved and help with FROGS, some of them mean you don't even need to leave your home to help raise funds for the school!

How you can support with fundraising:

1. **Amazon Smile** – as FROGS is a charity we have set up an account with Amazon Smile. When you shop at smile.amazon.co.uk you'll find the same prices and selection as you do on amazon.co.uk but with the bonus that Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase to FROGS.

On your first visit to smile.amazon.co.uk you will need to select FROGS (Friends of Goldfield School) as your charity of choice. Then continue shopping as normal and Amazon will donate to FROGS - it really is as simple as that!

2. **Workplace Matching** - many organisations now match fundraising, this maybe by £'s or if you donate some time and raise money they will match it. Please talk to your HR department as this is a really easy way we can get some of our fundraising matched.
3. **Fun Runs/Marathons** – as we are a registered charity, why not run for the school and get sponsorship?

With any of these easy fundraising activities the FROGS charity numbers is 1134302

Contacting us:

If you want to let us know fundraising ideas or want to be part of FROGS please do email us at frogsongoldenpond@gmail.com

What are we raising money for this year?

This year we are supporting the school in replacing all the reading scheme books and putting the fun back into reading. The current books are old and some of the language is out dated, children are questioning what a pail is! Look out for the new updated books coming home as part of the scheme very soon!



Shhh Christmas is coming!

Gifts for Grown Ups & Kids – a great favourite for the children, at the Christmas Fair they choose a present in secret & get it wrapped up to put under the tree for parents/relatives/carers. To make this successful we need donations, new and unwrapped gifts for both male & female. We will be collecting on Thursday 25th October & Friday 26th October there will be a box outside the office.

Reindeer Food - this is an annual favourite with all the children, kindly organised and run by Mrs Blake in Year 2. We are extremely lucky that Father Christmas chooses Goldfield School to make reindeer food for the reindeers to help deliver all the presents each year. The children will be enchanted by the story that Mrs Blake reads and then will go and make reindeer food, this is then on sale for a token at the Christmas Fair on 8th December. Mrs Blake will need volunteers to come into school and help the children with the reindeer food, it's a truly magical moment to see how excited the children get! This will be held on 28th November, a letter will be sent out separately to ask for help.

Christmas Cards – Each year the children help create their own Christmas cards following a theme: the proofs are sent home to show the parents what the child has created and you can buy the cards along with mugs, tea towels, etc. which are perfect Christmas gifts. All profits go to FROGS.

Non Uniform Day – To help support the Christmas Fair we will be holding a 'no uniform' day in exchange for donations of bottles for the bottle tombola. This will be held on Thursday 29th November and we will send out more details nearer the time.

What else can you do to help and support FROGS?

It's the age old saying but giving up your time is what we really need help with; the Christmas and Summer Fairs are our biggest fundraising events and without the continued support of the parents and teachers we simply cannot make them as spectacular as they've been in previous years.

Over the next few weeks we will be asking for help for manning stalls for the Christmas Fair - just an hour of your time would really make a difference! Thank you again for all your support

Samantha Davis

FROGS Chair

PS; if you haven't already, please join the Goldfield Facebook page - this will keep you up-to-date with all the events we hold and will provide details of any help we may need!

Dates for your diaries:

- ❖ Friday 19th October – Quiz Night
- ❖ Thursday 25th & Friday 26th October – Gifts for Grown ups & Kids collections
- ❖ Friday 16th November 3pm– Pre loved uniform sale
- ❖ Friday 23rd November – Bags for School (unwanted clothes)
- ❖ Friday 23rd November – Brush Party
- ❖ Wednesday 28th November – Reindeer Food (help needed)
- ❖ Thursday 29th November – Non-Uniform Day
- ❖ Friday 1st March – Rock & Roll Bingo Night
- ❖ Friday 29th March - Easter Egg Hunt
- ❖ Friday 26th April – Shopping & Pamper evening
- ❖ Saturday 22nd June – FROGS Summer Fair