

Dear Parents & Carers

Welcome to the first FROGS newsletter for the new academic year. We would like to extend a warm welcome to all those new parents and children who have joined Goldfield.

Who are Frogs?

Friends of Goldfield School (*FROGS*) are a group of parents who are juggling the demands of children and jobs and are dedicated to raising funds for the school to help make it truly outstanding and to give every child a wonderful experience at Goldfield whilst trying to have fun & keep slightly sane.

Look out for us wearing our green t-shirts at the next event don't be shy come and say hello we won't bite I promise!

The faces of FROGS:

Samantha Davis – Chair. Mum to Poppy in Year 2 and Scarlett in PM Nursery, I've been on FROGS for 3 years, I work as Head of Food buying for a catering company and am always haggling its in my nature!

Helen Barnett – Secretary. Mum to Florence in Year 1. I have done one year with FROGS and, although it is hectic on top of the day job as IT Programme Manager, I get a kick out of raising funds for our school.

Kath Pither – Treasurer. Mum to Matthew in Year 1, I have been on FROGS for a year. I'm a chartered accountant for my day job, so counting the FROGS money raised is perfect for me!

Becky Jones – **Creative Genius**. Mum to Isaac in Year 2, Eli in Reception and Maddie who will follow her brothers through Goldfield in the future. Being a mum of 3 and working from home for our family business means I am used to juggling my time! I have been with the FROGS for the last year.

Sharon Egan – **Catering Lead and Uniform Sales**. Mum to Thomas in Reception. Going into my second year as a FROG. I work as an accountant so even though catering is new to me I really enjoy the challenges associated with fundraising and the camaraderie of the team!

What are we raising money for this year?

FROGS are excited to announce our new fundraising project for 2017/18. We will be fundraising to build a Music Garden at the top of the field which will consist of large weather proof instruments, made from recycled materials, a podium and also an external and internal PA system. The music garden will be utilised by all children throughout the school and will create an amazing resource for the children to explore their musical talents. The music garden will be installed over Easter so everyone will get an opportunity to use it before the academic year is over and we will have an opportunity to invite parents to be part of it later in the year – dates to follow.

The new target for fundraising for the Music Garden is £5000 which means we will need everyone's support to make this happen.

We are also pleased to announce that the funds raised last year £8044 will be going to resurface the playgrounds, work should start before Christmas so keep a look out for it!



So how are we going to raise the money?

We have a number of fundraising activities that we have already organised (dates below) but we also need your input as parents; we will shortly be sending around a survey to ask which events you would like to see us host, as without your support and attendance we couldn't make them work!

Date for your diaries:

- ❖ Friday 29th September – Year 2 Film Club
- ❖ Friday 13th October – FROGS Quiz Night
- ❖ Friday 2nd November – Year 1 Film Club
- ❖ Friday 17th November – Reception Film Club
- ❖ Friday 8th December – Non Uniform Day
- ❖ Saturday 9th December – FROGS Christmas Fair
- ❖ Monday 26th March 2018– FROGS Easter Event
- ❖ Saturday 30th June 2018– FROGS Summer Fair

A Great Big Thank You!!

Without the ongoing support of the parents we cannot keep running the fantastic events that we all so enjoy, so if you would like to offer some help it will be greatly appreciated it, keep an eye on the Facebook page for the next event where you can pledge your support or if you fancy joining us down the pub, at our regular FROGS meetings, to discuss our next fantastic event then please do!

Kind regards,

Samantha Davis

Chair of FROGS

PS: bet you didn't know all the things that the money raised by FROGS over the last 5 years has contributed towards for your child's school! These are just a few!



If you fancy sharing your feedback we are always open to hearing it good or bad! Send us an email: frogsongoldenpond@gmail.com, grab us in the playground or find us on Facebook