



Barn Dance and Hog Roast a stormin' success!

Thank you to everyone who supported our Family Barn Dance & Hog Roast on Saturday 19th September, which we ran in conjunction with Horam Community Pre-School. An unseasonably balmy evening was the backdrop to some wonderful food, jolly company and dancing to the fantastic Mulberry Barn Dance Co band – a fabulous evening was had by all, as you can see from our pictures.

And thanks to some really generous pricing on the part of our suppliers (see right for contact details, in case any of you are interested in using them!) we made a tidy profit of over £500. Our share gets the Friends' fundraising activities for this year off to a flying start and will be put to good use in providing additional facilities and little extras for all our children to enjoy.

Talking of the children, it was lovely to see so many of them at the dance – and being so well behaved. They all joined in beautifully and were impeccably behaved all evening – a credit to the school. Well done!



Thank yous

Haywards Butchers – 01732 355611
 Mulberry Barn Dance Company –
 01797 235911
 The Manor Cellars – 01435 812257



Dates for your diary

Friends meeting: Tuesday 6th October, 7.00pm in the staff room

All welcome – you don't have to be on the committee to join in. Please come along and find out more about what the Friends do to support the school throughout the year, and have your say.

Christmas Fair: Saturday 5th December

Make a note of the date now and be sure to join in the festive fun: there will be stalls galore, Christmas crafts, tombolas, plants, fabulous raffle prizes, homemade cakes and, of course, Santa's Grotto. More details to follow soon.

Ice skating: Thursday 11th February

This was great fun when we had the ice rink in school last year – look out for more details nearer the time as tickets are likely to be oversubscribed.

Friends: what it's all about

The Friends of Maynards Green is a very active PTA with strong support throughout the school community. Any parent/carer or staff member is welcome to join. You don't have to be on the committee to make a difference – we need as many 'Friends' as possible, as being able to 'share the load' amongst many makes it easier for all of us.

The main focus for our fundraising at present is the redevelopment of the front playground. Once that target is achieved we will be setting our sights on raising the cash for a new set of PE mats. The Friends will also be paying for the necessary electrical work to get the children's new cooker up and running.

But it's not all about raising money. You may be surprised at just how much the Friends do for the school during the year! In addition to organising the 'big events' – like the Christmas and Summer Fairs – we create the gifts for, and organise, the Mother's Day gift sale; host discos for the children; give £150 to each class per annum; give every child an Easter egg, and an ice lolly on sports days; help individual classes host a cake sale; organise Rainbow Days; provide refreshments at school events; run a crèche during parent-teacher consultations; distribute money to each teacher for a class Christmas present; arrange for sporting trophies at the end of the summer term; organise family events (such as the Barn Dance & Hog Roast, and the forthcoming Ice Skating) – plus lots of other bits and pieces that we're too modest to mention!

So if you feel like getting more involved why not come along to the next meeting (Tuesday 6th October at 7pm in the staffroom), or speak to either myself or your class rep in the playground.

Thank you for your continuous support.

Sue Smith, Friends Co-ordinator

Class Reps

This year's Class Representatives are as follows:

- Year R Claire Robertson
- Year 1 Sue Sutton
- Year 2 Sue Fletcher
- Year 3 Lynn Harmer
- Year 4 Sue Smith
- Year 5 Sarah Mattocks
- Year 6 Nicola Marlow

Class reps are there as a point of contact between parents/carers and the Friends/school. For example, if you have any potential fundraising ideas for us please feel free to speak to your class rep about them.

Also, in the event of an unavoidable school closure (heavy snow, for example) you will be contacted in the morning by your class rep.

Committee members

- Your Friends Committee for 2009/10:
- Sue Smith (Friends Co-ordinator)
- Sabina Spencer (Vice Chair)
- Nicola Marlow (Secretary)
- Norman Stutters (Treasurer)
- Sue Fletcher (Publicity)
- Lynn Harmer and Sue Hill (Catering)
- Tania Skilton
- Sue Sutton
- Venus Burgess
- Katy McCarthy

- Staff representatives:
- Verity Poole
- Jacqui Groves
- Phil Stoner

Cartridge collection

Please bear in mind that we are still collecting used inkjet and toner cartridges (but not Epson or toner bottles, thank you). The collection boxes are in the IT room and the photocopying room.

Although not a big money spinner, we did receive a cheque for over £100 from this scheme last year – and we're doing our bit for the environment by recycling those unwanted cartridges!