

Wherry Friends Association

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Welcome to the very first Wherry Friends newsletter. There is plenty to share after a busy first few weeks.

We now have a fully up and running committee. We have been approved by the Charity Commission which is great and means we are now an official charity. We have a Friends website and Facebook page where you will be able to keep up to date with what is going on and get in touch with us if you ever want to.

Being a sparkly new school does have a few drawbacks. There is no hiding from the fact the school still needs a lot of resources. The Friends are working very closely with school to try and address this, but it cannot happen overnight. However, check out the website and see what we are doing and if you think there is anything you might be able to help us with do get in touch!

The Book Appeal

We know that many of you are worried about the rather sparse library. A school library takes years to build up and it is estimated that The Wherry Library could cost in the region of £50,000 to fill with books which unfortunately just now is something no one has. But despair not....

The Friends are doing a number of things to try and get it as full as possible this school year.

The first is The Book Appeal which everyone can help with. We are looking for good quality second hand book donations which would be suitable for the Library.



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A BIG Thank You!

We would like to say a special thank you to the Book Trust who donated 100 brand new books to the library.



Christmas Fair

On **Friday 1st December** at 2pm we will be holding our very first fundraiser, a Christmas fair. This is open to everyone so do please come along. There will be plenty of yummy cakes as well as a few stall holders selling things that could be perfect for Christmas presents. The Christmas Raffle will also be drawn during the Fair.

If you have any, please do send them into school. Please do also ask friends and families if they can help.

Thank you so much to everyone who have already donated books.

The Playground

Another area of the school which is in desperate need of some help is the playground. This is the area of the school which the children on the school council have asked The Friends to really concentrate on. This means we will be putting most of our efforts into the outdoor space for the next few terms.

This certainly does not mean we are not working hard on the other areas but for the time being, the majority of funds raised will go towards outside.

One of the things that school would love to get is a specially designed Wherry boat. The final design is being worked on at the moment but will be similar to sketch below. Having seen the early plans, this really will be an amazing thing and one that will last for many, many years. But amazing does not come cheap. We are looking to raise about £30,000 to get the playground to the standard all the children deserve! So as much as we all would love this to happen now, it is just going to take a little time – but we promise it will be well worth the wait!



Friends Coffee Mornings

Monday 20th Nov

Friday 15th Dec

Monday 8th Jan

Friday 9th Feb

Christmas Cards

The Friends are selling Christmas cards this year. These will be available not only at the Christmas Fair but we will also be sending order forms home very soon – so keep an eye out for them! They will be £2.50 for a pack of 5 and all profits will go towards The Friends fundraising campaigns.

50 / 50 Club

We are launching our 50 -50 club which is now available to all parents, staff, family and friends. All the information for this is online and attached to this newsletter. The [50 / 50 Club](#) is a fun and easy way for you to help The Friends raise money.

Each ticket costs £2 and you can have up to 5 tickets each. You can pay monthly by direct debit or pay yearly by cash or cheque. If you or anyone you know wants to join, then please fill in the application form and send it back to school, marked 50-50 Club. All the details are also on the website.

Friends Coffee

The Friends have decided to start running coffee mornings for parents with children at The Wherry. These will give everyone a chance to come in and meet each other, have a chat and enjoy a coffee or a cuppa. These are open to ALL parents / carers at the school.

Christmas Raffle

As I am sure you have already heard we are running a large Christmas Raffle. We already have some amazing prizes, including £60 store vouchers, £50 cash prize and a weekend break for up to 8 people in a house in Gt Yarmouth. These are just 3 of things you could win. Tickets will be heading home in the next week – please do try and support us by selling as many tickets as you can.

Finally.....

We just want to say a massive congratulations to Sarah, our vice chair who took part in the Norfolk Coastal Marathon last month. Not only did she smash it but also raised a staggering £1000 for The Wherry Friends. This was a truly amazing effort and has certainly got us off to a flying start. Sarah thank you, not only from us but also all the children at the school!!



Wish List

We are setting up a wish list. This is a list which the staff can add things to that they want or need for school. Items can range from anything from a bag of floor to something bigger.

This will be on the parents Facebook page, which we will keep up to date as and when things are got or needs to be added.

