

FRIENDS OF SWGS

October 2013

Welcome FRIENDS

Hello Friends,

It's only October and I can already report that we have made an amazing start to fundraising this year. The 'Smarties Saver' during the summer break, the Year 7 Skittles evenings and the book stall have raised more than £1,000. Many thanks to all who have helped.

Speech Day in September marked another record year, and Friends were delighted to be able

to provide the £1,700 needed for prizes – well done to our girls.

Proposals for funding this year have come from the Drama Department, for staging, and from the Music Department, for instruments. These requests will be discussed at our next meeting on 11th November. Come along and give us your views and the benefit of your experience – we need fresh ideas from new parents.

And please continue to show your support for your daughters this year by: coming to events;

acting as a Willing Helper; joining us on the committee; or making a donation directly to Friends.

Christmas is fast approaching so now is the time to register and download 'Find and Remind' at easyfundraising.org.uk. Here, 2,700 companies such as M&S, John Lewis, Amazon, Apple, holiday companies and more donate a percentage of what you spend to Friends. We raised £250 in the first year with just 30 supporters. It's so easy and costs nothing but a click! Keep fundraising everyone!

*Kim Glennon-Alty, Chair
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Forthcoming events

● **Monday 11th Nov:**
Friends AGM and Committee Meeting (7pm) in the Learning Resources Centre, all most welcome.

● **Friday 24th Jan 2014:**
Burns' Night Party – put the date in your diary now.

● **7th & 8th Feb 2014:**
Drama production – Friends to provide refreshments

Year 7 Skittles Nights

The Friends' fund-raising year began with two skittles evenings for Year 7 girls and their families at Laverstock Village Hall. Once again, the evenings gave the new Year 7 girls a chance to get to know

each other a little better and were much enjoyed by all. Many thanks to everyone who helped and all those who came prepared to have a good time.

Ann Collins

Friends would like to extend a big 'Thank you' to Ann for organising these enjoyable evenings. This is Ann's final year on the Committee – would you like to help us organise future Skittles Nights? They are great fun!!



BOOK STALL

The FSWGS Bookstall at Salisbury Market on 12th October was given a new site, sandwiched between the WI stall and a clothing stall, which made us less visible than usual. We unloaded the books in the rain and trade was slow to start with. However, the sun came out mid-morning and brought the customers with it. We did a brisk trade during the early afternoon and made a healthy profit for the school funds. Many thanks to all who donated books, Chris Childs (for your books and time) and the Willing Helpers who made the stall run so smoothly.

Mary d'Apice

1000 Club

We have the results of the latest draws for the **1000 Club**. Anyone interested in becoming a member of the Club for the rest of this academic year can download an application form from the Friends' page on the website. Completed forms can be left at reception with a cheque made out to FSWGS. Thank you.

Anne Day

Draw Winners

July 2013
1st Nicola Young (270) £100
2nd Joanne Bartlett (324) £50
3rd R Scott (123) £25

August 2013

1st Nick Wall (239) £100
2nd Mr and Mrs Leese (189) £50
3rd Mr and Mrs Sherbern (102) £25

BURNS NIGHT

Following the success of our first BURNS' NIGHT PARTY, we will be donning tartan again on Friday 24th January 2014 for our second event at the school. There will be a two-course haggis supper (veggie option available) piped in by entertaining piper Denton Smith and, after supper, the popular ceilidh group Spike Island Band will be here to entertain us. More details to follow shortly.



FSWGS AGM

Monday 11th November at 7pm

Please come along and join us in our efforts to raise funds for this wonderful school. Both the AGM and committee meeting that follows it are informal and will take place in the Learning Resources Centre. The AGM will start at 7pm and we aim to have both meetings finished by 9pm.

Friends Committee

Kim Glennon-Alty Chair
Nicola Dunning Secretary
Ed Evans Treasurer

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