

Friends newsletter

February 2010



Happy New Year!

We had a very successful Christmas Fair, raising £1,096 plus £335 in the raffle. We had a great turnout on the day and everyone had lots of fun. Thanks to all our volunteers who ran the stalls and worked with the children on the craft and baking days. We hope your friends and family enjoyed the children's Christmas cards – these had a tremendous response with 194 packs ordered, raising £48.50 for the school.

Thank you Tracey!

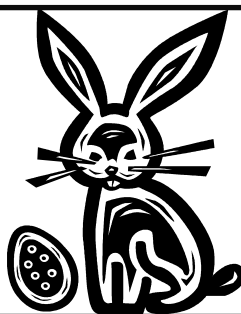
A special thank you to Tracey Coll, stepping down from the Friends after 11 years' fabulous support. Tracey is well known as queen of the Christmas tombola stall, which has raised many hundreds of pounds over the years.

We now need a volunteer to run the tombola in future so if you're interested please get in touch. It shouldn't be too daunting as Tracey has kindly offered to work with the new person to show them the ropes.

Get in gear for Easter

While the weather remains Arctic it's nice to look forward to spring. We'll be organising the usual Easter family fun with a beetle drive in the parish rooms.

Watch this space for details of the date and time coming after half term. And if you're not sure what a beetle drive is – the best way to find out is to join us...



Who are the Friends?

The Friends of Langham Village School aim to create a strong, friendly community and to raise money to support the school's activities.

Anyone can be involved and all ideas are welcome: just contact any member of the committee:

Chair - Joanna Phelps
Secretary - Anne-Marie Coe
Treasurer - Helen Thurston
100 Club - Rachel Newstead
Class 1 rep – Jo Holden
Class 2 reps – Philippa Payne,
Addie Granville
Sue Rose
Class 3 reps – Lucy Walduck
Liz Crawford

You can keep up with all that's happening through these newsletters and by coming to any meeting. You can also catch the meeting minutes on the school website and noticeboards.

Where does your money go?

In 2008 -9, with your help, the Friends raised £4,090 and in the current school year we've raised £1520 so far. The money goes towards a range of activities to support the school, paying for or subsidising:

- coach transport and other costs for the children's school trips
- resources such as the outdoor climbing frame, sports equipment and musical instruments.
- social functions to reward the children and add to community spirit

Next Friends meeting

The next Friends meeting will take place on **Wednesday 10 February from 3.15pm to 4pm.** On the agenda will be the plans for the Easter activities. We'd love to see you!



Fairycake Friday

We hope you're enjoying the return of the Friday cake stall, cheering up the grey days and raising valuable funds.

It's all thanks to the generous help of everyone who donates their scrummy home-made goodies for sale. Many thanks also to everyone who supports the school by buying the wares.

The stall is run by parents from each class in turn – if you'd like to help just talk to your class rep (see bottom left).

Move over Delia, it's Norfolk's newest cookbook

Hats off to Jo Holden, Friends rep for Class 1, who has gamely volunteered to produce the first ever Langham Village School cookbook. The book will showcase popular recipes from the children and their families. Look out for more information about the book and how you can participate coming soon from Jo.

London Transport

The coach has been booked for the trip to the Barnardo's concert at the Royal Albert Hall. Joanna Phelps will be in touch with everyone involved as soon as the travel arrangements are finalised, in the meantime contact her if you have any questions.

Put the pizzazz into 100 Club

We're looking for ideas to bring the sparkle back to the 100 Club. How about holding the monthly prize draw in public at a Friday cake stall? Or after school with refreshments provided? Let us know your thoughts!