

THE FRIENDS OF VINEHALL NEWSLETTER – MAY 2008

Dear Parents

THANK YOU

As we head towards the end of another school year The Friends want to thank you all for your support throughout this year. This has been another busy year for children and adults alike, and we are so grateful for the help you have given. We are totally reliant on the positive attitude of parents to help run events and to make them successful. We are always looking for new members to come forward to help and welcome your ideas.

REVIEW OF THE YEAR

Social events held during the school year include The Bonfire Evening, Pancake Races, Easter Egg hunts and we still have the Fete and Disco which will round off the Anniversary Weekend and allow the children to enjoy the marvellous marquee following the Ball. Tea towels, Christmas cards, cakes and the ever important raffle tickets have all been sold and bought by the children and parents.

Although each event has a social element some of the events are more focussed on fundraising and this year's main fundraiser was the first ever Rwanda Christmas Fair. Different stalls offered a wide selection of gifts for adults and children and craft activities allowed the children to make some presents and enjoy themselves. As a result we were able to send a cheque to Rwanda for over £2,000 and on 29 November 2008 we shall hold our second Christmas Fair so we look forward to welcoming you again.

As a result of all these activities the Friends have been able to donate money towards the library in the Pre-Prep, the Music Department has benefitted from a new keyboard, the swim squad now have team t-shirts and the athletic teams now have matching kit.

CLASS REPRESENTATIVES

We are supported in our tasks by the Class Representatives who come forward each year to co-ordinate information between the School, The Friends and parents. This year our task has been admirably bolstered by a truly fantastic and effective team of Class Reps. The Friends would like to thank all the Reps for their contribution to each event as without them cakes would not be baked, raffle tickets would not be sold and our role would be less effective.

LOOKING AHEAD

This term we are celebrating the 70th Anniversary of Vinehall School and the 50th Anniversary of The Vines Society, and the Anniversary Ball is followed on Sunday 29 June by The Summer Fete when children will be able to enjoy among other things coconut shys, Splat the Rat, make-up sessions and an inflatable slide for the Pre-Prep children. Do come along as there are lots of activities for the children, some food and drinks available and it will be taking place inside the marquee from the Ball the night before. The Fete will start at 3pm, with the annual Gym Display taking place at 3.30pm. At 5.30pm there will be the Summer Disco which is being provided free by The Friends, using the same DJ as the night before. Food, along the style of fish and chip vans, will be available for purchase from 5.30pm.

We are very grateful to The Vines Society for kindly donating a Bike, which will be raffled at the Fete. Raffle tickets will be available from your Class Reps nearer the time.

Vinehall Anniversary Cookbook – We would like to thank you for your favourite recipes which are being collated for publication at the end of the year. The cookbook will include the sort of cookery we all find useful – fast and family friendly.

With thanks for all your support.

The Friends of Vinehall