



# FRIENDS OF BEACON RISE

## Newsletter – March 2009

Hello Everyone!

Lovely as it was to see the snow and to pretend that the snowmen we built were for the children, how nice to feel now that Spring is on the way!

**FBR minutes** : We've been trying to convert to 'paperless minutes' for those who wish it. This has not been entirely without it's hiccups; so if you have not received your expected copy of the minutes, or if you would like to join the minutes mailing list, then please would you let us know your email address by returning the tear-off strip to your child's Teacher. Thank you.

Please note our **new email address** [friendsofbeaconrise@googlemail.com](mailto:friendsofbeaconrise@googlemail.com) .

### UP-DATE ON CURRENT FUNDRAISING INITIATIVES

**Valentine's Discos** – the evening went very well, and raised about £300 for FBR funds. A big thank you to all the children for coming along and having fun, and to all the parents and staff who generously gave their time and support to this event.

**'Film Nights'** – this event is coming up shortly (1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Apr)

The films have been chosen by the children and the choices by a clear margin are:

R, KS1: **Space Chimps**

KS2: **Meet Dave**

Ticket sales for this will be via letters in bookbags.

**Sponsored Bike Ride** – a **change of dates** for your diaries: will now be held on 17.05.09 (due to clashing with 'Thomas the Tank' rides from Bitton Station!)

**The Beacon Rise Business Directory** : don't forget to return the reply slip from the letter you had recently regarding this, if you would like to support the school by being included in the Beacon Rise Business Directory.

**'Clothes for a Cause'**: having a spring clear-out? Bring your unwanted clothes/shoes/textiles in to school in the bags which will be provided, and you will have the satisfaction of

- clearing some clutter
- making money for your school
- knowing that what you donate will be distributed around the world to help less privileged people.

The 'Clothes for a Cause' van will be coming to our school to collect your donation bags on 2<sup>nd</sup> April: more information to follow.

[www.everyclick.com](http://www.everyclick.com): do you use an internet 'search engine' (eg google, yahoo, etc)? If you do, please consider changing to 'everyclick'; Beacon Rise is now registered with 'everyclick' so that **each time you use it to search the web, it will donate money to us** (yes that's money for **our** school that doesn't come out of **our** pockets!). Give your mouse a heart: [www.everyclick.com](http://www.everyclick.com)!

I would like to receive a copy of FBR minutes by email.

My email address is .....

Name.....Child's name and Class.....

**FBR 2<sup>nd</sup>-hand Uniform Shop:** as you will know, we no longer sell new uniform from the school, but 2<sup>nd</sup>-hand uniform is still available. We have lots of 'new' stock in so come and have a look. Larger size donations especially welcome! Frome Cellar Tuesdays 3 – 3.30pm.

**Easter Eggs:** FBR will be selling knitted Easter Chick 'cream egg' holders and egg cosies alongside TuckShop at Easter. (Contact Joanne Edwards or the office if you or a family member would like to join in with the knitting!)

**Easter Raffle:** First prize to be an 'Easter Hamper', tickets will be drawn last Friday before Easter. Could you donate a seasonal item as a raffle prize? Thank you!

### **UP-DATE ON CONSERVATION AREA**

As you may know from our last newsletter, FBR's agreed main fundraising project for the year is to support the work being done to create a conservation area and outdoor classroom. We will be getting regular progress reports on this from Cathy Bartleet.

*'Update : the conservation area is having a make-over!*

*Since it was vandalised the conservation area has been a bit neglected – but not any more. We have had a consultation with Avon Wildlife Trust who are working with us to rejuvenate the area.*

*The plans include:*

- *a 'wheelchair-friendly' pathway,*
- *log seating for a class of 30 children,*
- *a meadowflower area,*
- *and a 'dipping platform' over a restocked pond.*

*Already a barked area around the picnic tables and a path to some raised beds have been laid, and the fencing is well on it's way to being put up.*

*Avon Wildlife Trust have been in, and the children have already started to make bird-boxes and bat-boxes.*

*All of these things will cost approximately £5500, so with a little fundraising we will soon be enjoying the flora and fauna of Beacon Rise.'*

### **Spring-clearing :**

'How can I get involved?' we hear you say! We're looking for volunteers to join in on a Sunday afternoon of tidying up the grounds and preparing for spring planting; the date for this is 29.03.09. It's also a chance to see what's happening in the conservation area, and maybe to become involved if you wish to.

Please could you let us know (by returning the tear-off strip to your child's Teacher) if you may be able to spare a couple of hours for this?

Many thanks, and our very best wishes to you all,

Hannah & Ysha (FBR co-chairs)

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Please tick  
as appropriate

I will be able to join in the 'Spring-clearing' working party on the afternoon of 29.03.09.....  
I can't make the 29<sup>th</sup> but would like to do something towards the conservation area.....

Name.....Child's name & Class.....