



FRIENDS OF BEACON RISE

Newsletter – October 2011

Hello All,

A warm welcome to those of you who are new to Beacon Rise, and welcome back to everyone else, from your new FBR Committee for the year.

This year's committee postholders are Hannah Denley (Chair), Kate Hawkins (Vice Chair), Jo Rodman (Treasurer), Alison Bird, Kirsty Pow and Sam Comley (Co-Secretaries).

Thanks to you all, last year was another excellent year for FBR fundraising. Together we raised a total of over £9,300. This has gone towards the funding of the lovely new outdoor area which is just starting to look well established now and is being much enjoyed by the children, encouraging them in creative and imaginative outdoor play. This has been another phase in the agreed objective of supporting the development of outdoor play and learning resources.

This year we have committed to supporting the further development of this objective, and with your help will be hoping to fund an 'EcoPod'; this is to be an 'environmental centre/outdoor classroom for environmental learning' which would contain science resources and help Beacon Rise to maximise the outdoor space we have at our disposal.

More details of both last years fundraising and future spending plans can be found on the Beacon Rise website www.beaconriseprimaryschool.co.uk.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- **Ordering of Christmas/Seasonal Cards featuring your child's artwork** **19&20.10.11**
An opportunity to place an order to buy packs of professionally made cards with your child's artwork on it. The pictures will be on display when you visit the school for Parents Evenings, ready for you to place your order in time for the cards to be returned to the school by early December.
- **Early Years' Magic Show & Disco (R & Y1)** **02.11.11**
A party for the younger members of the school; this has proved to be very popular the last few years – get your tickets early! Tickets are being sold this year by 'return slip' (by 19.10.11) via your child's class.
- **Discos for Y2&3, and Y4-6** **03.11.11**
Always popular with the children; tickets for this will also be sold on this occasion by 'return slip'(by 19.10.11) via your child's class.

(PTO for more events)

FBR membership contact details for 2010/11

FBR member's name(s)

Child's nameChild's class

*I would like be added onto the distribution list to receive a copy of FBR meeting minutes,
my email address is, or I would like to receive a paper copy please.*

I would be happy to be contacted to help out at FBR fundraising events when available.

- **'Clothes for a Cause'**
*A clothing collection that gives financial aid both to Beacon Rise School and developing Nations; clear out your cupboards and make money for your school! **Final collection date :** 10.11.11
(Can't store it any more? Bring your donation bags in to school at any time in labelled bags (CfaC) and leave them at the top of Frome cellar steps and we can store it for you.)*
- **Christmas Fair** ...straight after school on the Friday 25.11.11
Plans are already in progress towards this event, which is always much enjoyed by the whole family. Please keep this date free!

REQUESTS FOR SUPPORT

- **Class Representatives**
*Events like the Christmas Fair don't just happen – we need your support! Would you consider being a FBR Rep for your child's class this year? We aim to have several from each class, for companionship and to spread the load; enlist a friend to sign up with you! It's not too demanding and you **will** have fun! You will be making events like the Fairs possible. If you feel you could give this a go we'd love to hear from you; please return the 'tear-off' slip at the bottom of this page.*
- **Contact details**
Please would you help us to update our membership details by letting us have your current contact details (including email address so that we can be paperless where possible) letting us know (via the 'tear off slip) if you'd like to be added onto the distribution list for the minutes, and/or if you might be available to help out at some events.
- **Stallholders**
Do you have a franchise or craft stall that you'd like to run at FBR events? If so we'd like to support you supporting us! We'd love to hear from you.
- **2nd Hand Uniform**
We're always very pleased to receive your donations of uniform that your child has grown out of: we're especially keen to have more of the larger sizes.

Thank you.

Our **next committee meeting will be Tuesday 18th October at 2pm in school (venue to be confirmed)** we'd love to see you there!

Our very best wishes to you all,

Hannah (Chair) and the FBR Committee

I/We would like to be FBR Class Rep(s) this year.

Name(s)

Child's NameChild's Class