

# Friends of Meadowside Newsletter

## Oct 2019



Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome to FOM's first newsletter of the year. We hope all the families have settled into the new school year and a huge welcome to all the new families that have joined Meadowside. We hope you find this newsletter useful to keep you up to date with Friends of Meadowside's activities.

### FUNDRAISING FOCUS

The big news of the week is that the Ampitheatre project has finally been completed! This has been a big project, and has taken 3 years of fundraising events to reach the amount needed. We were very grateful to receive grants from Quedgeley News and Tesco's Bag's of Help Scheme, as well as all of the other companies who donated to us to support the events. However, the biggest thankyou goes to all the children, parents and carers - all the Friends of Meadowside - from everyone who supported a fundraiser, to all the blue token collecting last year, we want to Thankyou for every effort.

We would like to show a token of appreciation by holding a grand opening of the ampitheatre where all the parents can come and have a play on the equipment, and enjoy a little thankyou treat from us!



### Ampitheatre Grand Opening - Thurs 24<sup>th</sup> Oct 3.15pm

Our 2019/20 focus is to support the school with more everyday academic needs. So far, we agreed to fund a replacement of all the KS2 guided reading books which will bring them up to date with the National Curriculum.

Additionally, we will be looking to fund requirements to support the topic areas - Geography, Science and Music. We'll let you know more info when we've agreed what to purchase for the school!

The next committee meeting is on Mon 21<sup>st</sup> Oct, 7.30pm  
@Little Thatch Pub, everyone welcome!

## IN EVENT NEWS.....

### THE GREAT MEADOWSIDE BAKE OFF

To enter the bake-off competition, plates will be on sale before and after school this week at £1 each. The cakes will be on sale on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> Oct in the school hall at 3.15pm. If any parents are available to help set up and sell cakes between 3pm - 3.15pm it would be much appreciated. Please e-mail [friends@meadowsideprimary.co.uk](mailto:friends@meadowsideprimary.co.uk)

### DRESS-DOWN DAY

As a bit of excitement in the lead up to Christmas, we are holding a dress-down day for the children on **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> Nov**. This is in return for donations that can support the fundraising at the Christmas Fayre, some ideas are below. We will have some tables set up in the morning to accept donations or if you are having a clear out before then, please pop them into the Office

- Children's tombola items (cuddly toys, games, playdoh, colouring books, etc)
- Bottles of wine for a wine raffle
- Raffle prizes
- Jolly Jars - creative donations in a jar, from sweets, to playdoh, to toys - anything goes!



### KRISPY KREME FRIDAY FEEDBACK

Our first event of the year "Krispy Kreme Friday" proved to be very popular and we want to apologise to all those children who didn't get a doughnut. It's always difficult to gauge how successful an event is going to be when it is the first time running it. We were completely overwhelmed with the demand and unfortunately sold out within 7 minutes. Rest assured that we will learn from this and we will be bringing back the Krispy Kreme pop up shop in the near future making sure we have plenty more! Thank you to everyone who supported this event, particularly the parents who helped pick up, set up and sell.

## UPCOMING EVENTS & FUNDRAISERS

Mon 21<sup>st</sup> Oct - Bake off & Cake sale

Thurs 24<sup>th</sup> Oct - Ampitheatre  
Grand opening

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> Nov - Dress Down Day

Tues 21<sup>st</sup> Nov - Discos  
(KS1 5:00 - 6.15pm KS2 6:30 - 8:00pm)

Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec - Christmas market &  
Carpark Carols (3.30 - 6pm)

17<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup> Dec - Refreshments @  
Christmas performances

Fri 7<sup>th</sup> Feb - Adults Quiz Night

### CHRISTMAS MARKET & CARPARK CAROLS - HELP NEEDED

We have a lot of organising to pull together this event, and would really appreciate some parent help. If you could help in any of the areas below, please let us know by emailing or send a message on Facebook - [friends@meadowsideprimary.co.uk](mailto:friends@meadowsideprimary.co.uk)

- Helping the elves wrap Santa's presents
- Wrapping lucky dip prizes
- Labelling the tombola
- Sparring half an hour to run a stall at the event on Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> December

## ADDITIONAL WAYS TO SUPPORT MEADOWSIDE.....

### BOX DROP

We have applied for Meadowside to receive a clothes bank in order to recycle nearly new clothes whilst also raising money for the school. We will let you know when this is received, but in the meantime, if you are having a clear out, we would be really grateful you would save anything for the clothes bank. Thankyou!



### EASY FUNDRAISING

For those of you who shop online, we have set up a really easy way to add to Meadowside funds without an extra cost to you! If you shop online, please could you support us by signing up to "easyfundraising" and registering to support **Meadowside Primary School Gloucester**

It's a really easy way to raise money for us - each time you shop online, simply use the easyfundraising site to shop with more than 3,600 well known online stores like Amazon, Argos, John Lewis, ASOS, eBay, Boden, M&S and much more. When you make a purchase, the retailer sends us a free donation, at no extra cost to you.

#### **From your PC**

Visit easyfundraising page

at <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/meadowsidepsglouc/> and click "support us for free"

#### **From your SmartPhone**

You can download using the GooglePlay or the AppStore. Please search for Meadowside Primary School to register your support for the school

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/easyfundraising-app/>