

# **Friends of Lawn**

Newsletter - July 2023







Registered Charity number: 1046420

# \*\*\*\*NEW IT EQUIPMENT FOR OUR SCHOOL\*\*\*\*

The school would like to say a **HUGE thank you to Friends of Lawn** and all the support that has been shown at the events. Thanks to a very generous donation from Friends on Lawn of almost **£13,000** the school have purchased new IT equipment, which will enable the children to have the best experience of the computing curriculum in 2023/24.

The current desktops are now 14 years old and showing their age somewhat! It can take a long time for the children to get to the ICT suite, turn them on and then log in! Now they can use the laptops in the classroom, meaning much more time for IT lessons.

The list of equipment Friends of Lawn have funded includes:

- 30 laptops
- Class pack of Bee-bots
- Crumble kits
- Geared Motors and Wheels for Crumble kits
- Micro bits
- Set of 15 Headphones

Everything will be ready to use from **September 2023** alongside our new Computing Curriculum from Teach Computing.



# Our new fundraising venture!

Now we have reached our goal to fund the new IT equipment, we would like to build a fund for the purchase of **sets of books** for **whole class reading**. Research tell us that children's reading fluency and their commitment to reading for pleasure are enhanced when they are able to have their own copies of texts for class teaching. In Key Stage 2, we need to build a bank of high-quality books which allow a diverse range of author and content. The reading team are passionate about continuing to find ways for reading to complete with technology and to ensure all our children become readers.



# Roll up, Roll up for the Summer Fayre!!

Wow!! What a fantastic event our Summer Fayre was, from Bouncy Castles, to hook-a-duck, to Nerf Gun, to Ice creams, Sweets, BBQ's & face painting! Plus the brilliant sunshine & even a bar for the adults!

Huge, huge thank you to the committee members, volunteers & school who make these events happen – it takes hours & hours of planning, prepartaion & support on the day! So it was truly wonderful to see so many of the school community come out and suport this event.

Together we managed to raise an incredible **£1,700** for the school, which is helping to fund the new IT equipment.





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### Movie night, End of term treats & Sports Day!

Big, big thanks to everyone who has attended our movie night, end of term treat events or brought refreshments at our Sports day stand.

These all help raise vital funds for the school, whilst hopefully also providing something fun (& yummy) for the children.

We managed to raise around £1,000 at our Movie night and over £100 at Sports Day – which is fantastic!

#### Second-Hand Uniform

We are pleased to announce that a textile recycling bin has been installed to raise money for the school. We will also be installing our own **smaller bin** especially for **uniform donations** in the next couple of weeks. The bins will be located close to the **Cleeve Lawn** entrance.

We would be grateful for your donations of **general textiles** in the **large bin** & **school uniform in the smaller bin** (when it arrives). We would be especially grateful for donations of logo jumpers, cardigans and fleeces. Donated items in saleable condition will be added to our uniform website **uniformerly.co.uk** 

Our website is open all year round, but if you order during the school holidays please note the first available collection date will be **Friday 8th September**.

With prices starting from 50p and logo jumpers, cardigans and fleeces for just £2.50 this is a great way to update your children's uniform for the new school year.



# **Upcoming events...**

- Year 6 leavers Disco Monday 24 July
- End of term treats (Ice cream & Cakes) Tuesday 25 July from 1:30pm
- Look out for more events coming from September...

# Interested in becoming a FOL volunteer or Committee member?

We also have an upcoming **vacancy** for the role of **committee chair**, for more information on what this role covers or if you are interested, please email us at <a href="mailto:friendsoflawn@outlook.com">friendsoflawn@outlook.com</a>

# Thank you & have a fantastic Summer Holiday

Thank you to everyone who has supported our events this year, we look forward to bringing you more next year! Have a wonderful, relaxing & sunny (fingers crossed!) summer holidays!