

# An Important update from the Friends of Lawns Park Primary School

The first half term of this school year has been a bit of a whirl wind. We started the year with Discos, Asda Cashpots, My Childs Art and the Annual Christmas Fair. These have raised important funds to go towards future projects and events.

But after those frantic months of fund raising our team has diminished significantly and has reduced to 3 core members and I cannot thank these members enough for their continued support.

Unfortunately, due to these numbers it s proving harder and harder to pull off events and it is having a knock on affect to these members, who find it increasingly difficult to plan and hold these events and is getting to the point we are having to think about cancelling events (and thus important fundraising), unless we are able to get more members or occasional helpers.

We sorely do not want the children or school to miss out, so we have come up with ideas of different ways you can get involved or help out, therefore helping the Friends of Lawns Park stay afloat.

# 1) Can you become a member or occasional helper?

- The vast majority of the FOLPS is teaching staff and we would love to have some parents join the team as core members or occasional helpers.
- Join for a year, 6 months or just for an event take the pressure off a longer commitment.
- Maybe you're a parent in your final year and would love to leave on a high or a relatively new member to the school and looking for a way to be more involved.

## 2) Can you share with us any skills you can bring to the table?

- Could your employer sponsor an event or make donations
- Are you someone with a skill which could be shared with the PTA, kids or parents at a fundraising event.

#### 3) Can you offer general help?

- Can you come along to an event to pitch in as a one off?
- Do a supermarket/collection run for us leading up to events
- Printing (ie. Leafelets/tickets/posters etc)
- Setting up/cleaning up of events

To put it mildly the situation is critical and without commitment from the whole school community at some of these events, we will not be able to offer the children the same level



of experiences or crucially provide the school with funding for yearly commitments and exciting opportunities.

We are by no means asking you for a huge commitment and understand we are all busy parents, and we understand your time is precious.

### **Upcoming events we want to hold**

- Easter Egg Tombola
- <u>Lawnsfest 2025 Saturday June 21<sup>st</sup></u>
- Whole School Colour run

In a NUTSHELL-WE NEED YOU, so please do let us know your thoughts on the above information or if you can help by.

- Grabbing me for a chat (You will find me at the Year 5 Door after school most days)
- Emailing us at <a href="mailto:PTA@lawnspark.org.uk">PTA@lawnspark.org.uk</a> or <a href="mailto:info@lawnspark.org.uk">info@lawnspark.org.uk</a> or <a href="mailto:info@lawnspark.org.uk">info@lawnspark.org.uk</a>
- Attend our next meeting on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April (time to be confirmed)

I am hopeful we can all come together and move forward with these events and look forward to hearing from you all.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Shackleton and The Friends of Lawns Park