

Hello from the Friends! - An update on what's taken place and coming up.

Quiz Night

The event took place on the 1st February 2008. Everyone agreed that it was great fun and a not too challenging quiz. The "guess the chocolate" round was considered the most fun and all in all, after expenses, £324.80 was raised for the school. Well done to all who came!

Car Boot Fairs

These events provide so much income for the school - between £800 and £1,000 an event! I am sure everyone will agree that we can't let this additional income for the school be dropped. However there is a lot of organising that needs to be done for each sale and volunteers are required on the day. To date Neil Turner has worked tirelessly, taking bookings, organising banners, food ordering, doing the advance advertising and turning up from 6am. Neil's children are not even at Christ Church any more! I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of the whole school to thank Neil for all he has done and continues to do. Without him there would be a lot of lost revenue. We also have Sheila Short (Jack 6A) who is helping Neil and is the school contact regarding car boot sales.

A lot of help is required, so moving forward we would like to propose the following: (These arrangements worked well earlier this month when we trialled them with help from six parents from Year 4).

Each sale has been assigned to a year group. We propose that the reps chase their classes in the lead up to their car boot sale and ask them for their time in the following three slots. If you can't help your class on their date, lots of help needed at another!

Tim slot	Activities
7am till 10.00am	Set up, prepare the barbeque and fat fryers, help with tables and deal with the early customers who start arriving at 8pm to hunt for bargains!
10.00am till midday	Taking admission money at all the entrances and serving lots of bacon butties etc!
Midday till 3.00pm	Last minute food serving (sale closes at 2pm), helping with table dismantling and clearing away.

The schedule which relates car boot sales to years is shown below

Sale Date	Year
5th April	Year 3
10 th May	Year 6
7th June	Reps and Committee Members
5th July	Year 5

On the day there is a great "buzzy" atmosphere, so do book yourself a table, sell off your own junk and help in one of the slots! Don't forget that the children love taking charge of a table! Remember that all monies from the car boot sales go to the school.

Parents Forum Evening

The Parents Forum had the great idea to host an evening to cover talking to pupils about puberty which took place on the 6th March. The event let parents know when Christ Church teaches puberty, what is taught and when and how the subject is best handled at home. The result was an informative, fun evening which encouraged ideas and discussions in small groups. The feedback from those who attended has been great and the attendance was fantastic. We would like to thank Linda Ward for organising and hosting the event and Doctor Mark Spencer who came and enlightened us. For any further feedback please contact the Parents Forum.

Sponsored Spell

By now your child will have completed their spellings and have targeted all friends and family for sponsors! Please can you make sure that the monies are handed in to your child's teacher as soon as possible. There will be a prize for the child with the most correct spellings in each class.

Make and Bake

Another date for your diary! On Thursday 3rd April, there will be a cake sale. This will be run by Camilla (Isobel 4H) who will be looking for as many volunteers as possible. We are going to run the sale from many tables in the playground to avoid a scrum, with parents working in teams (one taking money, the other putting cakes in bags). There will be cold fruit drinks and water on sale as well as second hand school uniform.

Summer Fair

Aloha Christ Church, catch the wave ... This year's Christ Church's summer fair will be Hawaiian themed. A small group met last week to discuss the fair and the theme was agreed. The Fair this year will be run by Alex Symonds and Sally Spencer. There are plenty of dates scheduled in the diaries to discuss the arrangements, work out the stalls and who will run them! Please come along to the meetings and give your support, help and creativity. There is a lot of work to be done before the day and of course lots of help required on the day. So come and join the team, it should be lots of fun.

Jobs

There are always vacancies within the Friends organisation. This year we are looking for:

- a uniform co-ordinator
- a car boot co-ordinator (to assist and learn the ropes from Sheila Short whose child will be leaving at the end of the summer term.)
- A new chair, vice-chair and secretary for the start of the autumn term

If you are interested in any of these roles please contact Alex Symonds. Could I also please ask for a class rep from each class to try and attend each friends meeting. (Only 2 per term, maybe alternate with your co-rep)

Just to remind and update you, contacts and dates are on the following page – ready to go up on your family notice board (or equivalent!)

Thanks everyone from Alex and the team!

Class Reps

3M Yoshiko Endo (Natasha) and Charmain Stimson (Maya)

3D Charlotte Bubb

3B Fiona and Ken Lovell (Harry)

4K Bridget Vials (Christopher) and Cathy Williams (George)

4H Jacqui Killick (Georgia), Camilla Reid (Isobel)

4C Diana Newton (Libby), Emma Price (Eloise)

5L Aleksandra Cvijanovic

5M Tracey Gauld (Amy) and Amber Hatcher

5Y Linda Ward (Eleanor) and Dale Cash (Bronte)

6A Sheila O'Brien (Jack)

6D Marion Taylor (Marcus) and Julie Chadwick (Tashi)

6S Rachel Westall (Hannah) and Yvonne Kisiedu (Myles)

Alex Symonds (Chair) alexsymonds@btinternet.com

Sally Spencer (Secretary) sally@spenco.org

Camilla Reid (Vice Chair) camillareid@btinternet.com

Sheila Short (Car Boot Organiser) sheila.short@gmail.com

Here are all the dates where you can help – pick the ones that you would most enjoy!

APRIL

1st April - Summer Fair Meeting (8pm, Alex Symond's house in Acton)

3rd April - 3.30pm - Cake sale in playground (bring cakes to the school office)

4th April – Last day of the spring term (make sure your sponsored spell money is in)

5th April - Car Boot Sale (Year 3)

21st April –Summer Fair meeting 8pm (venue to be confirmed)

28th April –Friends Meeting 7.30pm – 9.00pm in the school staff room

MAY

10th May - Car Boot sale (Year 6)

12th May - Summer Fair Meeting (8pm venue to be confirmed)

20th May - Summer Fair Meeting (8pm venue to be confirmed)

JUNE/JULY

2nd June – Summer Fair Meeting (9.15am – Café Organic)

28th June – Summer Fair

7th June – Car boot sale (Reps, committee members and any other willing volunteers)

9th June – Summer Fair meeting (8pm – venue to be confirmed)

5th July – Car Boot sale (Year 5)