

# Friends of Denton School (FODS)

## Newsletter - October 2014

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### Fundraising

Following our AGM on 7<sup>th</sup> October, we have now identified a number of items which we would like to raise funds for in this academic year. FODS has contributed significantly to the upgrading of IT equipment across the school in the last 12 months. This is ongoing and we still need to raise lots more money to ensure that our children all have access to up-to-date equipment and activities in the school. Please help support our activities in any way you can to help us make this possible, your help (no matter how small), really does make a difference.

### Film Night - Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October

In the past, these events have been very popular with the children so we are organising a film night before the end of this half term. Permission slips will follow shortly but the film will be shown from straight after school until 5.30pm.

The cost of the evening is **£2.50 per child** which will be payable with the permission slip. A drink and hotdog will be supplied for each child along with a Halloween treat. Parents are very welcome to join us. Please ensure your children are collected on time.

### Easyfundraising.org.uk

With Christmas approaching, please remember to register and use our easyfundraising site to gain the school cash back when shopping online. It's very simple - just visit <http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk> to register and shop with over 2,000 well known retailers like: Amazon, John Lewis, Argos, M&S, eBay and many more. Many of these retailers do not offer cashback through non-charitable cashback sites. Whenever you buy something, the retailer makes a donation to our good cause. Be sure to select Denton Primary School as the cause you want to support.

It won't cost you a penny extra to shop through [easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk) and you can even save money with special offers and voucher codes. Only 7 people are registered at present and their use has resulted in nearly £90 in cashback, imagine if all 70+ families participated! Please pass to this link to family and friends, the more support we have, the more funds we can raise.

### Gift Aid form

Since this summer, FODS has registered for full charity status. As a result of this, we may apply for Gift Aid for certain FODS activities. If you are a UK taxpayer, by simply completing the attached form and returning to the school office, we can claim Gift Aid for

all future activities without any need for further paperwork from our families. Please complete the attached form and return to the school office.

### **Match Funding**

As we have a number of new parents, we wanted to remind all parents that certain companies/employers offer employees the opportunity to nominate local charities for match funding. FODS has been fortunate in the past to benefit hugely from this and we would like to continue doing so. If you work for a local company who may be able to help, please get in touch with the school office and let us know.

### **Dates for the Diary**

#### **FODS Meeting - Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> November**

The next FODS meeting will be held at school on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm.

#### **FODS disco - Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> November**

This disco will be held for the children in the school hall, timing and full details to follow.

#### **Bag2school - Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> November**

Our Bag2school collection is scheduled for Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> November, you can bring unwanted clothing, shoes (tied together please), hats, belts, bags, soft toys, curtains and bedding (not duvets or pillows). Bags will be supplied in book bags before half term but you can use any bags to start collecting in the meantime! The past two collections have raised over £500 for our school so it is a great way for us to raise funds from unwanted/needed items.

#### **Christmas Fayre - Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December - 11am-1pm**

Please keep this date in your diaries and come along and support us on the day. Following the success of the Summer Fayre, the event will run from 11am-1pm. The childrens competition will be to make a decoration for the Christmas tree in the school hall, prizes for the winners.

Many thanks for your continued support, The FODS Committee