



Friends of Red Gates School

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To all our lovely Families, Friends, Staff and Governors,

Hello there!

****Friends of Red Gates School (FORGS) Spring Term News ****

I do hope you and your lovely families enjoyed a wonderful Christmas together and wishing each of you a very, very happy, peaceful, healthy and prosperous New Year!

Firstly, on behalf of our **Friends of Red Gates School (FORGS)**, I just wanted to say a massive huge heart-felt **"Thank You!"** to each of you for your amazing support and help as always with our Christmas Stalls, (Toy & Chocolate Tombolas, Cake & Raffle), on the day of our children's Christmas Production (and didn't they do well!!) Thank you for all the fantastic toys, chocolate/sweeties, cakes and Raffle prizes you all very kindly donated.

Special "Thank You's" go to Kelaty's lovely Mum who very kindly donated her exquisite and beautiful hand-made jewellery to sell for us which of course proved extremely popular indeed – thank you so much! Also to Teddy's lovely Mum and Dad, Vicky and Paul Cooke, our brilliant Friends Secretary and lovely Mum to Apollos, Jen Fone, and Etienne (Israel's brilliant Dad), for very kindly helping with the smooth running of the Toy and Chocolate Tombola Stalls - you all did absolutely amazing! Well done! Also to our wonderful Treasurer, Carrie Diboll, for very kindly sorting out the float monies for us to ensure the smooth running of the stalls, bless your heart! To dear Gill Towns and Amanda Thurston for all your fantastic help with selling the Raffle Tickets and running the Raffle - well done girls! A big "Thank You" too, to our lovely Indira and Jason Pillay for providing so many of our lovely toys and prizes too, bless you.

Thank you so much to our brilliant Care Taker Dave, Swimming Teacher Gill and Jen for very kindly helping me with setting up the foyer area the evening before and not forgetting all our lovely Management and Admin Staff for their wonderful support and help as always - what a team and what an amazing school we belong to!

I'm delighted to say we raised a grand total of **£480.00!** Well done and thank you so much to everyone! This brilliant amount will be put towards purchasing some amazing resources for our amazing children to enjoy!

It's going to be such an exciting 2019 with lots of super Friends of Red Gates fun events in the pipeline!

We have our annual **Valentine's Disco** taking place on **Friday 15th February** in the School Hall, all booked up with our regular and brilliant 'Surrey DJ' Kevin, for all our lovely children to enjoy.

There's another **'Bags2School'** collection taking place on **Thursday 25th April**, giving all our lovely staff and families the fantastic opportunity to have a good sort out over the Easter holidays.

There will be our **Sponsored Events** during the Spring and Summer Terms:-

- a **Sponsored Swim** (provisional date Saturday 18th May).

- a **Sponsored Bounce** in the School Hall. (date tba)
- a **Sponsored 10K Walk/Run** (Sunday 23rd June).

Not to mention all our yummy Cake Stalls taking place on our School Sports Day and Football Match as well as the Summer Disco for our Year 6 Leavers and Summer Holiday Outing for everyone to look forward to! **Letters will be distributed to you nearer the time with full details of each of our **Friends of Red Gates School** events taking place.**

Another exciting and definitely "not to be missed!" date for our diaries taking place this Autumn Term will be our second '**Grand Auction**', very kindly once again organised by our lovely Gill Towns, taking place on Friday evening, **1st November!** (**Please save the date!**) As before, it is going to be such an exciting and spectacular night! A massive huge "Well done!" and "Thank you!" so much to dear Gill for all your hard work behind the scenes in gathering all these amazing prizes to auction, bless your heart!

Also this year, we have once again some fantastic support through Supermarket Community schemes. This is where **FORGS** have applied for funding through various supermarket charity schemes and we are absolutely delighted to say that to date, we have been successful and been nominated as one of Waitrose and The Co-Operative's chosen charities last year with a possibility of being Tesco's this year. We were very proud indeed for our local Forestdale Co-Op store to kindly organise a special event where we celebrated the magnificent amount of **£3,142.79** being raised by them for us last year! All our brilliant children made some beautiful "Thank You!" posters which were displayed in the shop window with lots of visits to the Co-Op by our classes and school council.

I'd like to take this New Year's opportunity of whole heartedly thanking dear Oliver Alderman-White, Joshua's Dad, for his amazing service to our **Friends of Red Gates School** for so many years as sadly now, due to Ollie's new Police working schedule, he has had to step down from his Vice-Chair role. We are sincerely grateful to Ollie for all his hard work, commitment and support of Friends of Red Gates and just before Christmas, together with pupils from The School Council, we presented Ollie with some thank you gifts and card to express our sincere appreciation to him. We will really miss you! Thank you for everything Ollie - you're a super star! x

I have great pleasure in officially and very warmly welcoming our new Vice-Chair of Friends of Red Gates, Israel's Dad - Etienne, who attended our Annual General Meeting together with his lovely wife, Nana. Their son, Israel, has just started in Reception Class and Etienne has very kindly offered his services and stepped in to the role! Thank you so much Etienne! It's great to have you and your lovely family on board with us!

....and with this exciting new year ahead, our first **Friends of Red Gates School Meeting** has been booked for:- ** **Monday 4th February starting at 10:00am until 11:15am**** taking place in the Training Room to which you are all very warmly invited to! ** It will be so lovely to see you! **

Once again a huge heart-felt "Thank You" to each of you as always for all your amazing help and support of our wonderful school which is so greatly appreciated! What a team!

With very best wishes always and many thanks indeed,



Holly Longster, Chair,
on behalf of '**Friends of Red Gates School**' (**FORGS**)