

FRIENDS OF WEST PENNARD SCHOOL

Registered Charity No: 1108142

November 2006 Newsletter

Dear Parents

FWPS Annual General Meeting - Reminder

On Tuesday 14 November 2006 we are holding our AGM at 7.30 p.m. in the Staff Room. All parents and carers are entitled to attend and vote in new committee members and officers, please feel welcome to come along even if you have never attended our meetings before. Should you wish to stand for election yourself, a nomination form is attached and can be handed into our Chairman at any time until the election process is completed.

The FWPS Committee elected last year were:

- Chairman - Roger Longman,
- Deputy Chairman - Linda Norris (standing down at the AGM),
- Treasurer - Sarah Longman (standing down at the AGM),
- Secretary - Helen Trotman (resigned in June) now Issa Bonnar, and
- 6 Committee members: Samantha Antell, Helen Burchell, Issa Bonnar, Adrian Smith, Andy Townend, and Sammi Stride (resigned September).

Please note that copies of the audited Annual Accounts will be available at the meeting. If you are unable to attend the meeting but would like to receive a copy of these accounts, please contact Sarah Longman on 01749 830358.

If you would like a copy of the FWPS Constitution or to be placed on the Secretary's mailing list to receive copies of AGM and Committee meeting minutes, please contact Issa Bonnar on 01458 832147.

HELP NEEDED:

Christmas Fair - Saturday 2 December 2006

If you are able to offer any help at this year's Christmas Fair, please fill in the attached Helpers Form and return it to Roger Longman via the School Office. It would be wonderful if every family offered the help of one parent or carer for an hour or half an hour this year. Not only would it reduce the burden upon those who regularly help, it is a great way to meet other parents and sets our children a great example of community spirit.

FWPS Christmas Calendars

Libby Syddall is still **URGENTLY** seeking a few more sponsors for the Christmas Calendar. To make the proposition even more attractive the advertising costs

have been reduced to £50 without logo and £75 with logo (all existing advertisers will get this new rate). Libby can be contacted on 01458 850388 but please hurry.

THE FWPS COMMITTEE'S YEAR

To give you an insight into our Committee meetings, here is a snap shot of some fundraising activities and spending decisions this year:

- **NOVEMBER 2005** FWPS income for the year was £26,170.03 and expenditure £23,212.21. Wendy Christensen volunteered to take on the task of Prize Co-ordinator and Wendy Rowe agreed to continue to handle FWPS publicity. Funds went to the Chess Club and indoor Netball Club training,
- **JANUARY 2006** The Christmas Fair raised £1,313.16. £475 was allocated to fund workshops to build study skills and memory training for Years 2 to 6.
- **FEBRUARY** Funds were made available for an Easter play for Years 1 to 6, a shed to store the new tricycles, 4 benches and a picnic table for the playground, memory cards for the digital cameras, and story sacks for Reception Year.
- **APRIL** The Race Night organised by Sarah and Roger Longman on 11 March raised approximately £1,304. We agreed a subsidy for school trips to be reviewed annually, to top up the funds for the Birthday Book scheme and to purchase replacement drinking fountains.
- **JUNE** The May Fair raised £1,047.37. The meeting agreed to fund a visiting Life Education Centre to deliver a PSHE, citizenship and drugs programme, new materials for the guided reading scheme, an interactive literacy scheme, French language storybooks, and a new sound system for the Wake & Shake sessions.
- **OCTOBER** The Fish, Chips & Bingo Evening and the Table Top Sale, organised by Libby Syddall and Aimee Creed, raised £255.94 and £190 respectively, and the Greenback Fun Swim £92.30. Funding was agreed for seating for the Rainbow Garden, car booster seats, the school website, a Christmas pantomime, a piano, top-up funding for the KS1 Football Club, dressing up clothes, music keyboards, continuation of Enrichment Week funding, a children's newspaper subscription and a donation towards Christmas party costs.

Christmas Fair

HELPER - REPLY SLIP

If you can offer an hour or half an hour of your time to help at this year's Christmas Fair on Saturday 2nd December 2006, please complete this slip and return it to Issa via the School Office.

The Fair runs from 2pm to 4pm. In addition to looking for people to help during the Fair, we would be grateful for help setting up beforehand or clearing up after the event.

Thank you.

Your name:

Your telephone number:

Name and Year of your child
(so we can send mailings direct to you):

Times you are available to help:

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**NOMINATION FORM
FOR THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

ON TUESDAY 14 NOVEMBER 2006

PLEASE NOTE: Once filled in, this nomination form or a similar written nomination and consent to nomination, can be handed in to the Chairman at any time until the election process for the relevant position is complete.

Dear Chairman

We would like to nominate _____

(parent/carer of _____ in Year _____)

for the position of _____

Proposed by : _____

(parent/carer of _____ in Year _____)

Seconded by: _____

(parent/carer of _____ in Year _____)

I hereby consent to nomination as _____

signed: _____ and dated : _____

(parent/carer of _____ in Year _____)