

FRIENDS OF WEST PENNARD SCHOOL

Registered Charity No: 1108142

October 2007 Newsletter

Dear Parents

FWPS Annual General Meeting - Wanted: new Chairman and Secretary!

On Tuesday 6 November 2007 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 a nomination form is attached and can be handed in to the Chairman at any time until the election process is completed.

The FWPS Committee elected last year were:

- Chairman - Libby Syddall (standing down),
- Deputy Chairman - Julia Hutchison,
- Treasurer - Arabella Browne,
- Secretary - Issa Bonnar (standing down), and
- 6 Committee members: Samantha Antell (standing down),
Samantha Heath, Sarah Hoggett (standing down),
Sarah Longman, Sara Maher, and Andy Townend.

The AGM will also appoint an Auditor for the accounts, a Public Relations Co-ordinator and a Prize Co-ordinator.

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 Arabella Browne on 01458 851035.

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.

NOMINATIONS FOR CHAIRMAN: Sadly Libby Syddall stands down this year and she would like to hear from anyone interested in chairing the FWPS Committee which meets twice a term. The Chair's role will be much easier this year as Libby will be co-ordinating the 2007 Christmas Fair and Mel Warburton the Summer Fair. If you would like to know more about the role and explore the possibilities please phone Libby on 01458 850388

Andy's Festival activities raise £26K

The September FWPS Committee meeting was thrilled to hear that our stewarding

teams at the 2007 Glastonbury Festival had raised around £26,000. The teams are annually recruited, trained and organised by Andy Townend. The biggest possible THANK YOU to Andy and to all those who stewarded for him this year.

Progress on our Playground Apparatus Appeal

We appointed a sub-committee to work with Issa Bonnar in applying for external funding to meet the £28,000 project costs. To avoid VAT on apparatus purchases our June Committee meeting agreed that funds would be donated to the school to enable them to purchase direct. Both the FWPS and our Head teacher, Helen Burchell, have been applying for funding and we await news of the school's application for just under £9,000 of National Lottery Funds; we are hopeful as the original FWPS application was only turned down because we would not be the purchasers of the apparatus. Should this grant application fail, the September FWPS meeting agreed to use Festival money to make up the shortfall.

Our thanks to the Somerset Partnership Fund (£5,000), an anonymous local donor (£4,000), County Councillors Ken Maddock (£743) and Alan Gloak (£250), the Pilgrims Masonic Lodge of Glastonbury (£500) and the Love and Honour Masonic Lodge of Shepton Mallet (£500) for their generous support, to the School Council (£135) and FWPS Summer Fair organisers (approx £2,000). Thank you also to our sub-committee of Issa, Arabella Browne, Marion Colman (Deputy Chair of our school Governing Body and local Parish Councillor), Julia Hutchison and Roger Longman; Roger got on his bike to raise £85.

The FWPS Christmas Fair is on Friday 7 December.

Our sub-committee has already met twice and the next two meetings will be on Tuesday 16 October and Thursday 8 November. If you would like to be involved or attend the meeting please collar Libby in the playground or call her on 01458 850388.

Which team won the Scavenger Hunt?

All will be revealed in Andy Townend's letter to you coming soon.

<p>If anyone has any homemade pickles, chutneys, preserves, mincemeat, jam, jellies, marmalades, preserves, flavoured oils, etc. that we could sell at the 2007 Christmas Fair PLEASE pass them to Libby c/o Tom in Yr3!</p>
