

Friends of West Pennard School Newsletter

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

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Dear Friends,

I am now coming to the end of my final year as Chair of the FWPS and my involvement with West Pennard School as Harry has now moved on to his secondary school. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who have worked alongside me either on the FWPS committee or as coordinators and helpers in specific roles as well as all those who are just always there ready to lend a hand at an event or support us in their own way.

Throughout the past year we have raised money for the benefit of our children in many ways including the Summer Fair, the Christmas Fair, Yellow Moon Catalogues, WebShop, the Thrift Shop, the Birthday Book Scheme, the 100 Club, the Sale of Chocolates, Bags 2 School and Stewarding of Glastonbury Festival. We have been helped by so many people along the way and this year some of our stalwart helpers have moved on but I would particularly like to thank Nicola McCrum for all her enthusiasm and work with the Birthday Book Scheme, Sarah Longman for organising the 100 Club, Angela Whittleton for helping Issa Bonnar with the Bags 2 School collections and Arabella Browne for being our very efficient Treasurer. We do have vacancies now for some of these roles, including my position of Chair, and would welcome any new people who would like to join us and help out in any way, large or small. Our AGM will be held on 17th November at 7.30pm in the Staff Room and you are all very welcome to join us.

In particular I would like to thank Andy Townend who has yet again made an extraordinary financial contribution to FWPS funds by organizing his group of Stewards for the Glastonbury Festival.

We will be holding our Annual Christmas Fair on December 11th and hope you will be able to support us either by joining us on the day or by buying raffle tickets from Polly Hewitt-Cooper.

The FWPS is run purely to benefit our children and we can only help them through your generosity so please continue to support us in any way you can.

Best Wishes

Nicola Evans

AGM

17th November
Come and have
your say!



Now working
with FWPS!
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SITUATIONS VACANT

We are always looking for new people to help the FWPS. Whether you'd like to join the Committee or just help out on one small project, you'll be very welcome. Perhaps we could tempt you with one of the following opportunities?

Committee Members Needed

Chair Nicola Evans is standing down as Chair at

the AGM as her son left in July. With the support of the rest of the committee, this is the person to co-ordinate the activities of the FWPS and run the twice termly meetings.

Vice Chair Primarily to support the Chair, this role is also a good opportunity to pick and choose between a variety of different things that are needed by the broader FWPS.

Treasurer Arabella Browne will be standing down at the AGM having served the maximum term as Treasurer. A familiarity with basic accounting or money management would be helpful but this is a role where attending the regular meetings is not so important as reports can be sent if needed.

PROJECT COORDINATORS

The FWPS runs a number of fundraising projects, some of which are ongoing throughout the year. Following recent moves and the departure of last year's Year 6, we have some opportunities:

Christmas Fair Coordinator – team leader to help coordinate this year's Christmas Fair

Yellow Moon Coordinator – liaise with the school office to ensure distribution of the Yellow Moon fundraising catalogue twice a year.

100 Club – coordination of this fundraising project

Thrift Shop Coordinator – coordinating sale of second-hand uniform at a few school events throughout the year

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

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| 6 th Nov 2009 | 9.00am | Bags2School Collection – Village Hall & School |
| 17 th Nov 2009 | 7.30 pm | Annual General Meeting – Staff Room |
| 11 th Dec 2009 | | Christmas Fair |

FUNDRAISING FOR FREE!

What's Fundraising for Free you might ask!

As well as the events and activities that ask for your participation and money such as raffles, the Summer Fair, etc., we also have ways to raise money without you doing anything you weren't going to do already. Here's a few:

Yellow Moon – www.yellowmoon.org.uk (our code SWE11634)

Toys for party bags – activities to keep the kids busy – party games – presents – buy from the catalogue or web site, quoting our code and we will receive a commission without you paying a penny more.

Buying from Amazon, Next, Ticketmaster, Sky and many, many more.... (and now eBay see below)

Use the link on our web site to visit our WebShop. Make your purchase – which will be at the same price as any other visitor to their web site, and is often lower than on the high street – and we receive a commission.

Light-up badges

With the clocks changing at the end of October, the FWPS have a limited number of GLOWSAFE® light-up badges and caps for sale. These feature the school logo and are a fun product as well as a great way of being seen in poor light conditions. They are both available at the school office: the caps are £9.99 and the badges £4.99

THANKS

Many thanks to **Issa Bonnar** for not only the successful Bags2School collection, but also the great fun we all had at the Greenbank Swim in the summer.

The Summer Fair was put together by:

Nicola Evans, Frances Fawcett, Julia Hutchison, Polly Hewitt-Cooper, Rosalind Ives and Arabella Browne, and this year the teachers made an amazing contribution to the event with their cake stall – thanks so much everyone!

Andy Townend and his wonderful Glastonbury Festival team:

Rory Young, Lucille Ainsworth, **Issa Bonnar, Neil Burchell, Andy Chandler, Karl Evans**, Helen Farrer, **Paddy Gordon**, Bernard Hoggett, **Charles Horton**, Libby Syddall, Claire Osborne, **Steven Smith, Katie Bradfield**. (supervisors shown in **bold**)

And lastly a thank you to each and every parent, carer, relative, friend and villager, who donated, attended, raffled and supported the various activities that raise such valuable funds for the school.

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