



Newsletter20

A supporters' organisation for Saint Cecilia's, Wandsworth Church of England School **September 2009**

Dear Parents, Carers and other Friends of Saint Cecilia's, Wandsworth,

This Newsletter is from The Friends of Saint Cecilia's, Wandsworth, the registered charity formed by parents of pupils at the school to organise fundraising activities for the school and social events which allow parents and carers to meet one another.

As you will see from the "Diary dates", two social events are planned for parents/carers this term.

The first social event, the Barbecue on 18 September, is **just for Year 7 parents/carers and families**. It was a very popular event last year, and is a great way for Year 7 families to meet each other.

However, **the event on 13 November is for all parents/carers** so please do try to come to that. Further information on this event is included below.

Diary Dates

FRIENDS' MEETING THURSDAY 10 SEPTEMBER

From 7.30 pm at the school

BARBECUE FOR YEAR 7 FAMILIES FRIDAY 18 SEPTEMBER

7.00 - 9.00 pm at the school

FRIENDS' MEETING AND AGM MONDAY 2 NOVEMBER

From 7.30 pm at the school

FRIENDS' SOCIAL EVENT FRIDAY 13 NOVEMBER

From 7.30 pm at the school

How to join The Friends

The Friends generally hold their Meetings to plan events on **the first Thursday of each half-term**. The meetings take place at the school, start at 7.30pm and usually finish by 8.30pm. **All** are very welcome to attend, particularly those who are new to the school as the meetings are a very good way to meet other parents/carers, and a forum to discuss any ideas for events you would like The Friends to put on.

The first meeting of the new school year will be on **Thursday 10 September**.

As a registered charity, The Friends are required to hold an AGM each year and we have decided to combine the 2009 AGM with The Friends' Meeting to be held on **Monday 2 November**.

The Friends has four post holders **Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer and Secretary**.

If anyone would be interested in taking on one of these posts or finding out more about what they involve, contact **Jo Hudson** via The Friends' email address or on 0208 789 6216.

Contact details for The Friends' mailing list

If you would like to be added to The Friends' contact list and receive email reminders of The Friends' Meetings, contact us via The Friends' email address below.

friends_stcecilias@hotmail.com

Your ideas for...

Future Events. We are always looking for ideas for Friends' social events. We are keen to attract as many parents/carers and friends to our events, so if you do have suggestions that you think might appeal to a wide cross-section of the parents/carers at the school, but can't come to a Friends' meeting, please do let us know via The Friends' email address

THE FRIENDS' SOCIAL EVENT ON FRIDAY 18 SEPTEMBER AT 7 PM

YEAR 7 FAMILY BARBECUE

The Friends are launching their social calendar with an event for Year 7 families.

This is an evening just for parents, carers, siblings and Year 7 pupils and is a good way for more of you to get to know one another.

Burgers, salads and drinks will be on sale and we hope to have live music from the older pupils.

Do keep the evening free as it should be a very enjoyable opportunity for Year 7 families to meet as many other Year 7 families as possible.

For all those Year 7 families planning to attend the Barbecue, attached to this Newsletter is a form to be completed and returned to the school's Reception at the beginning of term in an envelope marked 'The Friends'. So that we can cater for the right number, if you are planning to come along on 18 September,

please do return the form as soon as possible.

Forthcoming Friends' Social Event on 13 November 2009

Last November, The Friends hosted a lively social evening at the school which incorporated a meal and a

“Night at the Races.” All those who attended thoroughly enjoyed the evening so we have decided to hold a similar event again this term. We are giving you plenty of notice so that as many people as possible can come along. **The evening will start at 7.30pm and ticket application forms will be included in the next Friends' Newsletter.**

Please keep this evening free as the more people who attend our social events, the more funds we can raise for the school.

Report on...the Garden Party in June.

This year's Garden Party held at the school on 20 June was a huge success. Luckily the predicted rain held off and large numbers of pupils, staff, parents, carers and local residents attended.

As ever, there was a huge variety of food on sale, from burgers and hot dogs to salads, Indian, African and Caribbean food. There were also plenty of cakes, Pimms, beer, strawberries and cream, teas, smoothies and soft drinks to keep everyone happy. There were a large number of different stalls and plenty of entertainment and a huge thanks (see further below) goes to all those who came along on the day, manned stalls, spent money, contributed the tombola prizes, entered the Year 7 cake competition and bought raffle tickets. The Garden Party raised approximately £4,400, a great achievement and an improvement on last year. Any suggestions for next year's Garden Party are always very welcome, as are helpers!

To give us some idea of planning for the 2010 Garden Party, if you would be prepared to help out in some way next year, please do complete and return the form at the end of this Newsletter.

SCHOOL SECOND HAND UNIFORM

The current contact for second hand school uniform is Caroline Prescott. Caroline set up the second hand uniform arrangements a number of years ago and has organised the collection and sale of second hand uniform ever since. Her son is now in Year 13 so it really is time someone else took over the job from her. Do you have a corner of a garage or a spare room in which to store the donated uniform, and are willing

to take on the job? Unfortunately the school has very little free space so it is difficult to keep any second hand uniform on the school's premises.

We desperately need another parent/carer to step forward and take over this job. Please do call Caroline on 0208 942 7832 if you think you might be able to step forward but would like more information.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Remember to raise funds for the school through easyfundraising.org.uk

When you are shopping online, please do remember, if you can, to start by going through the easyfundraising.org.uk website. We have registered our charity, The Friends of Saint Cecilia's, Wandsworth, on their website. They provide a **free service by which you can raise funds for The Friends and also save money when you shop online.**

www.easyfundraising.org.uk offers access to over 150 of the UK's biggest and best-known retailers - but with a difference.

It is ridiculously easy to do. Use the links provided on their website when you shop online and **up to 15% of your purchase price will be donated back to The Friends, free of charge.** The links on the easyfundraising website take you straight to the retailer you want to shop with – its simply that **you get to the retailer via the easyfundraising page** rather than using Google or Yahoo or whatever, to access the retailer's website.

It doesn't cost you anything extra to shop and raise funds

in this way and there are lots of popular retailers participating including; **John Lewis, Marks and Spencer, Next, Boden, Jessops, Maplin, Majestic Wines, DELL, Amazon, HMV, Virgin, AOL, Dixons, Comet, The AA, Direct Line, Churchill and The Carphone Warehouse** amongst many others.

As well as raising funds you can also make personal savings. Many retailers give special offers and "not-available-in-store" discounts when you shop online - some of which are exclusive to easyfundraising members. All you need to do is visit www.easyfundraising.org.uk and register, selecting Friends of Saint Cecilia's Wandsworth as the organisation you wish to support (registration is free).

Why not raise funds for The Friends (and so the school) whilst making purchases you would make anyway?

Garden Party Thank-yous.

As we have already said, the Garden Party on 20 June raised about £4,400 for the school.

None of this could have been achieved without the help of large numbers of parents, carers, staff, pupils and the local community. While it is impossible to name everyone who helped, and with apologies to anyone who should be named but has been missed off the list, we do want to record particular thanks to the following:

Mentor stalls/music – Mr Wells, Mr Nandanwar, Mrs Gallagher, Miss Hamill, Miss Edouard, Mr Darlington, Mrs Mercieca, Mrs Mosley, Mrs Horner, Mrs Miller, Miss Pepys, Mr Quinton, Mrs Kite, Mrs Kurk, Miss Kennedy, Mrs Carter, Mr Manchester, Mrs Jones and Mrs Bishop, Miss Latin, the school nurse. **All the numerous support staff and the Premises Team who helped set up from 8am and clear up after the event.**

Parent stalls – David and Maggie Thompson, Simon Bray, Geoff Rowland, Rick Ballinger, Rikke Serup, Alison and Bill Redfern, Alan Hay, Jenny McGhee, Eduardo Carbi, the Busbys, Caz Liebert, Anthony and Alison Stevens,

Natalie Angell, Valerie Goodman, Sue Guy, Andrea Morrish, Angie Leach, the Diamonds, Stephen Hicks-Flynn, Yvonne Tagg, the Gardener family, Brenda Pinkess, Agnes Abdallah, Michelle Akintoye, Anita Arora, Julia Whiting, Ella Eades, Phillipa Johnson, Natalie Newey, Kate Casely, Christine Winder, Jo Hardman, Michelle Groves, Sarita Rampat, the Berdovics, Cathy Clonts, Cecilia and Eduardo Bettini, the Roberts, the Esdens, the O'Tooles, the Dudman Jones, Sally Thomas, Helen Bradshaw, Maria Sforza, Julia Smith, Helen Abbott, the Cunninghams, Jo Grice, Elizabeth Silverstein, Jo Page, Elaine Krass, Maureen Gwam, Angela Lue-Taim, Jane Whillans, Cathy Salisbury, Suki Gibson, the Judkins, (cont.)

Garden Party Thank-yous.(cont)

Parent stalls (cont.) Jane Porter, the Devonalds, Claire Fox, Sandra Osborn, Mary Reece, Alison Guest, Angela Linton-Smith, Jane Axford, Angie Stokes, Jill Blagdon, and Julie Eastman

Field team – Jo Hudson, Jonathan Pinkess, Tim Evans, Jude Burr, Allan Burr, Helen Abbott, Nick Hudson, Robin Page, Jon Card, Liz Fosbury, and the school's Premises Team.

Co-ordinating of volunteers – Natalie Ballinger, Andrea Morrish, Sarah O'Toole, Lorraine Marsh and Oge Onwuachu

Publicity – Corinne Oulten, Tor Ridler, Sarah Hicks-Flynn, Julia Whiting and Sue Pethyridge

Year 12 Volunteers – Tom Linton-Smith, Becky Redfern, Joanne Omidvaran, James Hawkins, Rosie Del Valle, Amy Locke, Katie Johnson, Catherine Rowland, William Dyson, Alec de Mello, Amelia Pinkess, David Sforza, Leo Evans and Miranda Morrison.

Raffle – Suki Gibson and Jane Porter

Sponsorship – Bellevue Tea, Wandsworth, The Chomette Kitchenware, Boots the Chemist, Cannizaro House, Elys, Evans Evans Tours, John Lewis and Waitrose, Life Len Smiths, Transform Hair and Beauty, Southfields, Chanteroy French Deli, Angels Natural Beauty, Peterpenny Hairdressers, Stonebridge Management Services Ltd, Simon & Schuster Publishers and Penguin

Pupils – all those who came along on the day, helped on mentor stalls, entered the Year 7 cake competition, participated in the music and generally added to the party atmosphere.

And finally, a huge thanks to all who helped clear up and to all those who bought raffle tickets, baked cakes, contributed to the tombolas, brought in second hand books and videos and lent gazebos or garden furniture.

“I / WE WOULD LIKE TO HELP AT THE GARDEN PARTY IN JUNE 2010”

NAME

EMAIL

TEL NO MOBILE.....

SON/DAUGHTER'S NAME.....

YEAR GROUP.....

I am happy to help for 1 hour at the School Garden Party in June 2010.....

I'd be happy to organise astall at the Garden Party

I'd like to offer to help on a food stall by making

I can offer home produce such as

I'd like to receive minutes and agendas of Friends' meetings by email.....

It is very helpful if parents/carers can give us specific offers of help. This is because one of the problems of running the Garden Party is knowing how to reach enough parents/carers to relieve staff and parent/carers who run stalls annually, and who have already put in a lot of work.

Thank you!

Please return this form to 'The Friends of Saint Cecilia's, Wandsworth' c/o school Reception

Any queries, please contact Jo Hudson 0208 789 6216

YEAR 7 FAMILY BARBECUE

18 September from 7pm to 9pm

**“We would like to come to the Year 7 Barbecue
on Friday 18 September at the school”**

Number of adults attending Number of children attending

Number of vegetarians

Name

Email Telephone

Mobile

Son/daughter's name

**Please return this form to ‘The Friends of Saint Cecilia’s, Wandsworth’
c/o school Reception by Friday 11 September**

**Any queries, please email The Friends at friends_stcecilias@hotmail.com or contact
Jo Hudson on 0208 789 6216.**