

Friends of Newton June 2021 Newsletter

Who are we?

Friends of Newton was formed in November 2019. After the collapse of the PTFA in 2018, there was a growing need for a parent volunteer group which could support the school to raise much needed funds to improve the quality of education the children receive. The group currently consists of around 8 members, who all meet on a regular basis to help plan and raise funds for our school.



What have we already done?

In 2020 we set out to raise as much money as we possibly could, to be able to revamp the old markings in the playground. We set a goal of £2000 and even with the Covid 19 pandemic, home schooling and the whole world going to pot, we still managed to smash our target. The playground looks amazing. We have also made a donation of £100 towards the cost of the year 6 leavers hoodies. We aim to be able to do this every year.

In 2020 one of our members also managed to win a large 3 wheeled red trike for the children (and adults!) to use.



What's next?

Now the world is slowly getting back to some normality, the Friends of Newton group are working hard again to fundraise for the school. The school is developing its science curriculum and would like to encourage more outdoors learning whenever possible. To support the children with learning outdoors, the Friends of Newton group are going to fundraise for 6-7 outdoor wooden benches for the children to use.



Fundraising Ideas

Our first plan is to hold a tuck shop on sports day (8th July 2021). This will be done with a one-way system in place, all items sanitised and quarantined before use and class by class to the stall so there isn't a mad rush.

We also plan to hold a colour raffle. Each class will be given a class colour, children will then be asked to bring in items from home of this colour (this should be new and unopened for covid safety reasons) and then all items from each class will be made into a giant hamper and raffled off. In total there will be 5 hampers up for grabs, hopefully full of some amazing prizes. We are hoping to do payment for the raffle through parent pay, so no cash is being swapped and changed around the school.



How else can you help?

As a school we are a part of two schemes, easy fundraiser and the school's lottery. Both are so quick and hassle free to join, it literally takes a couple of minutes and both make donations to school without any further input from us.

For the School's Lottery, you simply need to visit <http://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk> and search for Newton Primary School Alfreton. Once you sign up, choose the number of tickets you would like each week, what numbers you want and then once you have paid it is set up for each recurring month. If your numbers are drawn you will get an email telling you, and then you can claim your winnings (or you can choose to donate your winnings back to school). The more people that play, the higher the prize for you as well as the donation to school.

Everyone loves online shopping, especially these days when the world is a little bit crazy out there! There is an app called 'easy fundraiser', which will donate money to our school every time you online shop. It's as easy as that. All you need to do is visit <http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/> (Or download the app), search for Newton Primary School Derbyshire then sign up. All that's left to do is remember to open the app and shop via there instead of going direct to each individual website. The app will send you directly to the shop you are wishing to visit and then when you checkout it will process a donation to school. All just for a quick click of a button.

Are you interested in becoming a 'friend' of Newton Primary School?

We always welcome new members, fresh faces and new ideas. If you are interested in becoming a 'friend' of Newton Primary and helping us to help our children, please get in touch with Mr Wray or any member of the team. We would love to have you on board.