

Welcome to Friends of Whitley School (FoWS)



Parents of newer children may be asking what is FoWS? Or perhaps have not yet heard of it at all. Maybe some other parents may like a recap, so here goes.....

FoWS was established in 2006 and run by a small group of parents to arrange fun activities for the children, families and teaching staff, whilst raising valuable funds for the school along the way.

Typical activities include the Christmas Party, Rose Queen Disco and associated activities, Summer BBQ, Quiz Nights, Bags to School and the weekly lottery.

Since its inception in 2006 over £25k has been raised. Funds made available to Whitley School in the year up to August 2017 paid for the valuable Mathletics Subscription for the entire school, furniture for Class 1, a PA system, refreshments for a theatre trip and Year 6 leavers' gifts. Over the years, FoWS has supported the school with purchases of.....

- Books and other learning resources
- Furniture and rugs for classrooms
- Shed, storage and gardening materials
- Coach trips and theatre performances
- Kitchen accessories and trollies
- Software upgrades, cameras, screens and projectors
- After school club materials
- Notice boards, leaflets and advertising materials
- The list is endless.....

A big thank you to all those people who have contributed in some way, whether it be at an event, hard work behind the scenes or supporting the lottery on a continual basis.

This year the school and FoWS has a special challenge. The Adventure Playground, which the children so love, requires refurbishment. Pupils use this not only as part of the regular timetable to keep fit and healthy, but during break times and Before and After-school clubs and holiday clubs throughout the year.

How Can You help?

1. **Attend and support the existing events** – these are advertised in “Points to Remember”. If you don’t already receive a copy of this email Emily (admin@whitley.cheshire.sch.uk) or check the website.

NOTE the next event is the Children’s Christmas Party (pupils and siblings are invited) on Friday 22nd December 4:30 to 6:30pm.

2. **Offer up new ideas** for the enjoyment of the children. Perhaps you know of something that works in other schools?
3. **Join the Committee** or simply lend a hand at one of the events.
4. Support the “**Weekly FoWS Lottery**”. This provides a large proportion of the income generated each year. There are plenty of numbers currently available and the scheme is open to Parents, Carers, Grandparents, anyone in fact! So please spread the word. It’s very easy to join and there is £50 per draw up for grabs!

Are any of these **BLACK (available)** numbers your lucky number, birth date, house number, car reg or the dog’s birthday? If so, snap it up now by letting Heather Moore know you would like to join the scheme.

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If you can help or assist with any of the above please text Heather Moore (Secretary) on 07719 482 327.

The support of our families and the local community is vital in order to help the school as much as possible during times that are particularly challenging financially for small schools. All help and support is greatly appreciated by everyone involved, particularly the pupils at Whitley Village Primary School.

Many thanks