



FRIENDS OF GRANTA SCHOOL

Parents, staff & friends working together for the children & young adults with special needs who attend Granta School

February 2018

Dear Parents & Guardians

Welcome to our Spring Term Newsletter!

We hope you are all enjoying this wonderful Spring like weather and had a great half term. Now for news about the FOGS team, fundraising and future dates for your diary.....

In January we held our Annual General Meeting. We had hoped to attract more parents to this meeting with a view to joining us on the team. We were very lucky to welcome our new parent member Yasmin but would really love to see more parents involved. If you are interested in becoming a member please don't hesitate to get in contact. My email address is at the bottom of this newsletter. We also welcome Julie, Lucinda, Sharon & Sarah, who are staff members here at Granta, to the team.

Current Fundraising News

London Marathon 2019 – Sarah Gaskell

Sarah worked at both Green Hedges & Granta some years ago and uses much of what she learned still today. She is running the London Marathon this year, a very hard won achievement in itself, and has very generously named Friends Of Granta School as her nominated Charity. The link to her 'Just Giving' page is below and every penny raised will, as always, go towards the numerous projects we are fundraising for this year. Please take a look at Sarah's link and donate whatever you can. If you are able to share this link with your friends and family please do. Every donation will help and FOGS, the pupils & Sarah will be very grateful for your support!

<https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/SarahGaskell1>

Smile.Amazon – Friends Of Granta School

Do you use Amazon UK? If you do you may already know about Smile.Amazon. This is Amazon's new link which allows YOU to choose a Charity to benefit from your purchases on Amazon. Don't worry, it costs nothing extra. Amazon donate a small percentage of every purchase made (if eligible, Amazon explains how this works) to your nominated Charity. If you would like to know more or setup Friends of Granta School as your nominated Charity all you need to do, from your phone, laptop, tablet is type in the following in your search engine:

SMILE.AMAZON.CO.UK

From here you will be asked to choose a Charity and then you are good to order! At present there is no app for Smile.Amazon but every time you need to order something just type in Smile.Amazon on your search engine and it will automatically bring up your Smile.Amazon settings along with your usual Amazon menus. Everything looks the same, and is the same, with the exception that every time you spend, Amazon donates a little to the FOGS charity.

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Where Our Funds Go.....

Over the last year we were able to provide funds towards the following; All accessible Roundabout for the playground, Pantomime for the whole school, Summer trips for all classes, Christmas trips for all classes (or activities within school), Christmas presents for all pupils, Discos, New Play Equipment. New logo printed polo shirts for the Granta Boccia Team. We are currently fundraising towards a new Wellbeing & Activity Play Equipment Project, a sensory light 'Magic Carpet' for the light room, a whole school Creativity Week, an Ark Farm fun day & more.

Linton Co-op Community Fund

The donations from this fund ended in October and in total raised the tremendous figure of £3105.15! Thank you again to Jo Arundell, our parent member member, for her work in setting this up, and thank you to those of you who nominated us as your Charity in the Linton Co-op.

Books for Books – West Wrattling Bookstall Café

Donations from the Café held each month in West Wrattling will go on until June/July this year. As previously mentioned we are holding these donations aside until the end and will then collect ideas from the children about new books for their classes or the library. Thank you again Kate Clearey for helping to set this up!

2018 Winter Fayre

This was held on the 1st December and what a wonderful way to start the holiday season! With the school welcoming parents, family, friends & stallholders from the region a lovely afternoon was had by all. In total this event raised £1380.45 in profit. A big thank you to all who helped make this day happen! If you are interested in having a stall at our next Fayre please get in touch for more details.

2019 Events – Confirmed Dates So Far.....

Spring School Disco

This will take place **on Tuesday 12th March**. See our flyer for more details. We are test running a small café at this event for parents who attend the event. Hot & cold beverages, cakes & treats will be on sale.

Winter Fayre 2019

This will be held on **Saturday 30th November** from 12 noon – 3pm. More details to follow nearer the time.

School Panto 2019

The visiting Panto Troupe have put on a show for 2 holiday seasons now. As both were such a success we have invited them back again this year. This will take place on Monday 2nd December at Linton Village College. Thank you LVC for once again allowing us the use of your hall!



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LOOK OUT FOR.....

School Cook Book

Mandy, one of our members, has produced a fantastic Cook Book. This book contains recipe's from pupils & staff alike. We hope to be able to take orders for this in the lead up to Easter. It would make a great present for family & friends and obviously raise funds at the same time. More information on this to follow....

FOGS Grande Raffles

We hope to run this fundraiser again this year. If possible dates for ticket sales & the draw will be announced nearer the time.

Future dates for discos & other fundraising events will also be published after our next meeting. This will be held in March. There are already some great ideas flowing so please keep an eye out for more news!

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