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**WELCOME** everyone to the autumn term at Cannon Lane Primary School. For those children and families who are new to the school, 'The Friends' are your Parent, Teacher Association (PTA) whose primary aim is to support and foster the school and its community and to enhance the children's experiences and learning through fundraising and social events. We have a dedicated webpage on the school website where you can access further information about the committee and events ([www.cannonlanepriamry.org/committees](http://www.cannonlanepriamry.org/committees)).

2014 was a very successful year where we raised in excess of £25,000. Thank you to everyone who made each of our events enjoyable and productive and to families for attending and supporting each occasion. The committee will continue to work with the school representatives to ensure monies raised are spent in the best way for all our children. Some of the purchases made during the last academic year included sports equipment and musical instruments. Our biggest donation and spend has been on the provision of a programme of lunchtime activity sessions. This has consisted of approximately 3 additional adults for 3 lunchtimes per week to organise different activities (both sport and other pastimes). The children have given very positive feedback on these and they were received very well by all years. The same programme has been booked up until Christmas and will be reviewed over the course of this autumn term.

If you would like to be involved in any of our events you can either contact a member of the committee directly or a specific event organiser (who will send information separately in the weeks leading up to the occasion). Please do check your emails and our webpage for further information.

Thank you again for all your continued support, we look forward to another eventful year!

### **COMMITTEE**

The date of our first committee meeting this term will **be Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2015, at 7.30PM in the Parents Meeting Room (turn right after main reception and continue through double doors).**

Everyone is welcome to attend. The meetings are scheduled to discuss any upcoming events (our primary focus this time will be the School Christmas Fair), to agree any spending and to discuss any committee administration business. The meeting is also attended by a representative of The Friends Trustees, whose role is to ensure the charity fulfils is legal requirements and events and spend are respectful of charity rules and obligations. Trustee Contact details can be found on the school webpage. If you would like to arrange an event, please come along to the committee to discuss your ideas and put forward your intentions.

### **FRIENDS AGM**

Each year the committee hold its Annual General Meeting. The date schedule for this year's will be **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2015, 7.30PM, downstairs School Hall.** There is a standing agenda for the AGM which includes the official voting of committee roles (Chair, Deputy Chair, Secretary and Treasurer), Year End Financial Report and feedback from the schools and Trustees.

### **CHAIRPERSON VACANCY**

After four years, I have decided to step down as Chair. I've really enjoyed my time in this role and I would like to thank my fellow committee members for making it such an easy post to fill. If you think you might be interested in taking on this position, please get in touch and I will tell you more about it. If you think you might be interested in this or any other role, you will need to be in attendance at the Friends AGM on 12<sup>th</sup> October at 7:30pm. If you would like do any of the roles in partnership this is welcomed but both individuals would need to present.

## ***PARENT/CLASS REPRESENTATIVES***

Each class requires a parent rep (or reps if you wish to pair up). The primary role being to co-ordinate either day or evening social events, class teacher collections (usually Christmas and end of term) and to also be a link for specific organisers who require support to run an event and vice versa if anyone is looking to get involved. A full list of classes and contacts will be posted in the next few weeks.

Below is a list of those classes with a rep(s) already identified (*7 out of 23*). If you would like to be a parent rep for the one of the remaining 16 classes please contact me via email, stating your child's name and class.

- Reception: Maple, Beech, Willow
- Year 1: 1A
- Year 2: 2LH
- Year 3: 3F
- Year 6: 6M

***Please note*** – We would like to kindly remind parents that the role of parent/class rep is as a conduit for class social events and activities and as a link to The Friends for events and fund raising. Any concerns or issues, comments or queries relating to school business and educational matters should be flagged directly with the school office and head teacher and not via your rep, many thanks for your co-operation.

## ***DATES FOR DIARIES***

Below are a few dates for your diaries, more events will be added to the list and will be added to the school webpage. Dates are subject to change but we will always endeavour to give plenty of notice of any changes:

- Friends Committee Meeting – 23 Sept, 7.30PM
- AGM – 12<sup>th</sup> Oct, 7.30PM (followed by a short committee meeting)
- Cake Sale – 23<sup>rd</sup> October (location TBC)
- Christmas Fair – 28<sup>th</sup> November (TBC)

## ***Other Ways to Support Your School***

As always, we will continue to receive donations via the following providers

- **Scooters** - The Friends have teamed up with [www.micro-scooters.co.uk](http://www.micro-scooters.co.uk), the official UK stockist so that our school receives a 10% donation with every order placed on their website. Please enter our School code **102204**
- [www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/cannonlaneschool](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/cannonlaneschool): includes various retailers including Amazon, John Lewis, Next, Argos, Apple Store
- [www.Yellowmoon.org.uk](http://www.Yellowmoon.org.uk) : quote code **SCA12018** – for stationery, craft making and party accessories
- [www.name-labels.com/?PARTNER=3529](http://www.name-labels.com/?PARTNER=3529) – for uniform and accessories labels – school receives 25% commission on purchases