

# FRIENDS OF ASHURST PRIMARY SCHOOL

Hello Everyone

Firstly, we'd like to say a huge thank you to Kirsty Goring for heading up the FAPS committee for the past few years – we're sure you'll all agree that she did a fantastic job organising many great events, to raise money for our school. We really do have big boots to fill – and for those who don't already know 'us' the FAPS committee for the next 2 years is:

Anna Finch - Edward (Y2) & Rafe's (YR) Mum

Ruth Sowter – Daisy's (Y1) Mum

Joanna Herbert - Aimee (Y3) & Libby's (YR) Mum

Although of course, none of the events can happen without parents getting involved and giving your support, which is greatly appreciated.

The money raised from FAPS goes towards a wide variety of things that help enhance our children's experience, while they are at our great school. These include ICT equipment, Art materials, Cookery, Sports Equipment, Mini bus hire & School plays.

We started off the year on a fabulous sunny September day with a face painting and temporary tattoo stall at the Ashurst Dog Show & Fete. Followed up a few weeks later with the annual Barn Dance, an Ashurst Primary tradition which is now in its 16<sup>th</sup> year. Thanks to all who came along, it was great to see so many families enjoying the evening, and just under £1,000 was raised!

We're getting in to the swing of things and will shortly let you know the details for future events but for now 'Cake and Juice' after football each Thursday will continue, and if football is cancelled the cakes will then be sold after school on the Friday. The rota is on the noticeboard so please do sign up if you are able to help out by making/serving the cakes (ideally 20 portions each)

## **Winter Term Events**

- Voice of Christmas – **Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> December (please pop in your diary!)**
- Children's Christmas Movie Night
- Bags of Support collection
- Lucky Dip (after each panto performance and open afternoon)
- Christmas Hamper Raffle (held at the open afternoon)

Please do feel free to come along to any FAPS meetings, email us or catch up with us at school with any ideas you have, or if you'd like to help out at any point.

Enjoy the rest of term!

Anna, Ruth & Jo

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