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We Learn, We Grow, We Fly

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Opportunity to be a part of our fabulous Friends of Leavesden Green team!

Dear Parents/Carers,

As you probably all know at Leavesden Green we benefit greatly from our wonderful Parent and Teacher Association – Friends of Leavesden Green and they need more parents to help continue their great work.

What does the 'Friends' do for our school?

This charitable organization is made up by parent/carer volunteers, who do amazing fund raising which directly benefits our children. Over the past year, their role has had differing challenges, but they have gone out of their way to think of new and innovative ways to raise money, including Child Arts (Christmas cards), £325, the 'Big PTA Raffle' £420 and 'Breaking the Rules day' raising a whopping £900. There is also the 'Bake off', which is being held over the Easter break, so get your Mary Berry hat on and get baking!

This money is spent on a variety of projects, including the ever popular 'Leavers hoodies' for our year 6 students and their end of year treats; they paid for the new school library, the outdoor classroom and new stage lighting to name a few!!! As you can see, this funding is directly improving your children's learning environment and the work they do will only become more important now we are back at school!

What can I do to help?

Volunteer, your time your ideas, your connections and most of all your passion!

This great work doesn't happen by accident. We have fantastic support from the PTA class reps, but we currently have vacancies for a Secretary and more committee members. We only have a few core parents running this charity in a school of over 400 children!

Our core volunteers now have children coming to the end of their time with Leavesden as they leave us to further their education. Which means, we need new parents to support this charity, so we can continue to raise essential funds to help our children's education.

Particularly those parents who have children in the early years, we need you! Your children will benefit from this work for years to come, think how many hours they are going to spend in the library alone!

You don't need to have any particular skills or loads of time; we just need some of it and as I said most of all your passion! The more parent/carers we have supporting this fantastic group for our school, the more we can do!

What would volunteering with the Friends of Leavesden entail?

The Friends of Leavesden Green meet roughly once a month via Zoom at a convenient time for all to discuss upcoming events and who is doing what role. The team regularly put their brains together to think of new ideas for fundraising. This year we need fresh ideas, with fun in mind for the children! We are saving for new equipment for the Key Stage 1 playground currently, with more funded projects to be agreed.

Decisions are made as a majority with members having equal say, it doesn't matter the role and all ideas are welcome.

I personally have supported the Friends of Leavesden for a number of years now, attending meetings, manning stalls and supporting events. As a member of the Governing Body, I don't have further time to dedicate, but I have found my time with them so rewarding. We are so lucky to have this amazing team and you could be a part of it!

So, if you want to do something really positive to support your child's education, volunteering with the Friends of Leavesden, could be very rewarding for you!

Please visit the Facebook group 'Friends of Leavesden Green Group' or email them on friends@leavesden.education.

Many thanks,

Laura Creed
Chair of Governors