

GRACE DIEU PARENTS' ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

AUTUMN



Welcome to our Autumn Newsletter. We have had a hugely successful year and our thanks go to our last year's Chairlady, Donna Crann, and her committee. This was her last year at Grace Dieu and her enthusiasm and devotion to the School will be missed; we wish her well for the future. This year we have elected a new committee and we all are looking forward to a busy and eventful term.

MEET THE TEAM



Chairperson:
Vice Chairperson:
Secretary:
Treasurer:

Jo Ellis
Saffron Jelley
Emma Wright
Andy Cole

Year 5 and 7
Years 3 and 6
Years 3 and 7
Year 3

At the beginning of the term a new committee was elected. Please seek us out if you would like to find out more about the GDPA. We are all very friendly and approachable with children throughout most of the years.

Jo Ellis
Chairperson

All parents are automatically a member of the Association, so please come along to meetings to find out more. Don't forget our **Wednesday Coffee Mornings**, we meet in the De Lisle Room for coffee and a chat; everyone is welcome and it would be great to see some new faces.

MONEY RAISED

£9600

Many thanks to all those parents, children and staff who helped make the events such a great deal of fun and success. Our events last year included, a Bonfire Night, Christmas Fayre and a Summer Ball.

CHRISTMAS FAYRE



Saturday
28th November
10.30am- 1.30pm

An Essential Date for the Calendar!

28th November

This year the Christmas Fayre is planned to be bigger and better than ever! We have lots of interesting stalls - jewellery, gardening gifts, Christmas cards etc - a perfect time to do your Christmas shopping. There are lots of fun things for the children, including a toy stall, games, lucky dip, jam jars and a visit to Santa.

If you have time to help set up, assist on a stall or donate items, your help would be appreciated; by working together we can ensure it's a success. Last year we raised over £2000 - let us see if we can do better!

We would be grateful for any donations left at Reception for:

Tombola and Raffle prizes (bottles, toiletries, giftware etc)
Jam Jars filled with wrapped sweets, small toys, new hair accessories etc (Examples will be on display in your child's classroom as well as in Reception).
Any **new/nearly new games, toys, videos or DVD's, books etc for the Toy Stall**

200 CLUB



Numbers still available!

You need to be in it to win it!

This is a very popular prize draw held each month and the more numbers you have the greater your chance of winning cash prizes. To buy your number(s) for the year at a cost of £2 per month (per number):- please contact Nicki Thompson (Nicolathompson420@btinternet.com).

SCHOOL SHOP



The School shop stocks second hand uniform as well as **new cricket and house tops**. All items of current school uniform are gratefully accepted provided that they are in a good and clean condition. **Blazers, winter coats and the new style tracksuits will be sold for a percentage fee.**

The Shop is open on Wednesday from 8.30 to 9.30a.m. Any enquiries please call Jo Ellis on 07768 625827.

Morrison's Vouchers

The School now has a polytunnel which is used on a Wednesday afternoon for "Discover and Do" sessions for the senior school. Any vouchers you would collect will ultimately benefit all the children.

Remember that vouchers are only available in stores **until 1st November** and the deadline for orders is 27th November 2009.

For every £10 you spend in-store you'll receive a voucher that schools can collect and redeem for brand new gardening equipment including seeds, spades and greenhouses. Whether you're a parent, family member or a teacher it's easy for you to get involved and get kids growing today.

Please hand your Vouchers in at Reception.



WHAT DO WE SPEND THE MONEY ON?

We have committed £27000 to the school this year!

This money has been used to purchase white boards, pre-prep equipment, computer equipment and the School minibus.

Thank you to everyone!!

DATES FOR THE DIARY

14 October
4th November
3rd December

GDPA Meeting
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7.45 De Lisle Room
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All Welcome

28th November

Christmas Fayre

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