



CHRISTMAS

With the

Friends of Park

Mead

Dear Parents/ Carers,

As the Christmas period approaches, the Friends of Park Mead have organised some festive activities to celebrate the season. There is an opportunity for the children to boogie to some Christmas favorites at the Christmas disco and we've invited Santa to visit.

Christmas Disco - Friday 1st December, 5.30pm to 7.00pm

It is time to start the festive season with the Christmas Disco. The children can put on their party outfits and dance to all the popular festive and dance music. Tickets are £3.50 via ParentPay and include unlimited squash and a bag of sweets. Booking closes on Wednesday 29th November. Please note: Willow's parents are required to stay.

We will need support with serving drinks, monitoring the corridor, and covering the door at the start and end of the disco. If you are able to help, please let the office know - this can include Willow's parents who are required to be onsite.

Father Christmas Visit – Wednesday 13th December

The Friends have invited Father Christmas to visit the children after their Christmas lunch. Each child will be able to meet him in his grotto, have a chat about what they would like for Christmas and once they have finished, they will be able to take a treat from the Christmas tree. Tickets are £3.00 and available via ParentPay. Booking closes on Monday 11th December.

If any parents have a spare 90 minutes at around 12noon on 13th December to help set up the grotto, please let the school office know.

Future Events

Unfortunately, there was not enough support at the AGM to fulfil the roles of the Friend's committee. At this stage we haven't been able to plan any future events as the committee cannot legally run as an independent charity without the main committee roles fulfilled.

Events such as the Christmas Fayre, Summer Fayre, discos and cinema nights all need parents' support to organise and run. These events are not only fun and memorable for the children but also provide essential funds to support their school journey.

In 2023 the Friends funded:

- **10 laptops**
- **road safety signage**
- **coronation bookmarks**

I hope you agree these have all been very beneficial for your children.

The Friend's meetings are a social event, alternating between the Plough and Teams meetings and a good way to meet new parents. It is also your opportunity to actively support the school and its role in your child's education. You do not have to commit to all meetings or activities but the more parent support we have, the more events and funds are available.

The AGM has been postponed until **8pm, 31st January 2024 at The Plough in Upper Dicker** – please come and help us!

Look out for our parent's questionnaire at the Christmas events we would really appreciate your feedback.

Easy Fundraising

If you haven't already done so, now is a great time to sign up for Easy Fundraising. Over the last six years and with only a small number of active parents, we have managed to raise nearly £1500 just by spending on-line.

It is so easy, simply go to www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friends-of-park-mead, downloaded the app and then every time you shop online you raise funds for the school and it doesn't cost you a penny! It is so simple but it makes a huge difference so ***please sign up!***

For more information on how Easy Fundraising works, go to <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/how-it-works/?msclkid=b44597889f661dda1672f2dbe3939178>

We hope your children will be able to join us for some fun this during this festive time, with all the money raised for their benefit!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Kind Regards,

The Friends of Park Mead