



Friends Newsletter July 2017

A fantastic Aquathlon was held on 20th June for which we had some very positive feedback. The children seemed to really enjoy themselves and we've raised over £1000 towards the pot for which we have so many people to thank.

To Mrs Jackson and Mrs Owen for all the organisation, planning and co-ordinating of the Aquathlon - we couldn't do it without you. Thank you to Emily Jackson for making up the goodie bags which the children received after crossing the finish line and Mrs Owen for donating the waters in the bags.

To Mrs Sharpe, Mrs Gahagan and all of the TRJS staff who stayed to support our event and did such a great job of timing, marshalling, and cheering the children on all the way round the course.

To Mrs Brammer, Mrs Roach & Emily Jackson for organising and serving the hot food for us - your time and effort is really appreciated and the food was delicious.

To the fabulous parents, grandparents and JTHS children who volunteered their time to help set up and/or run a stall - you are what makes these events the success they are.

To Tom & Tom in the stocks.

To Polly Hudson and friends who ran their own stall to raise funds for school.

To DS Smith Packaging & Simone Toon for the sports bottles in the goodie bag.

To all the families that came along to support the Aquathlon, even if you weren't taking part, we hope you enjoyed it. To all of the companies or parents that donated a raffle prize - in no particular order

Infinity IT solutions, Conkers, Little India, Red Carpet cinema, Adventure farm, The Mug Tug, Michelle's laundry, Poppies hairdressing, Brewery centre, Snowdome, Rach Pickett, Karen Leyland, Bridge 38 Physiotherapy, Greenbank leisure, Cinebowl I-skate, Swadlincote Ski Centre,

A final thank you must go to the children, our competitors, who were absolutely amazing, the support they showed each other was lovely to see. Well done to each of you.

As fundraising continues we thought we'd let you know that the plan is still to provide the school with a sensory garden for which the Friends are donating approximately £5,000, however this has been put on hold until after the planned expansion works are due to take place. The friends have also recently paid for four outdoor table tennis tables totalling £2,000 which are now in place on the school playground, improving the children's outdoor area for their playtime / golden times. During our first meeting of the next academic year (date to be confirmed) we'll be discussing what's on the children's wish list for our future fundraising.

Our committee for the next year consists of Jayne Castle & Steph Cartwright who are Co-Chairs, Mrs Alcock (year 6 TA) as Vice Chair, Mandy Trinh as Treasurer, Sharon Wright as Secretary. We run meetings once a term at 3.45pm until 4.30pm. Mrs Sharpe, Mrs Gahagan and one other member of staff usually attend and another teacher offers child care where the children can watch a film have a drink and eat delicious home made cake!! Parents are provided with tea and cake too and we

would be very pleased to see you at the next meeting where your opinions and ideas will be welcomed. Friends has a number of ways to keep in touch. The weekly newsletter, by emailing: friends@trjs.co.uk and we also have a whatsapp group. If you'd like to be added please email your mobile number to friends@trjs.co.uk. We use this group to co-ordinate helpers for various events and promise we will not bombard you with messages. We have also recently set up a facebook page which you can join by searching Friends of TRJS. Thank you for all your support this year. Wishing you all a wonderful summer break. Jayne, Steph, Mandy, Sharon, Mrs Alcock.