



Friends of
Bishop William Ward School



AUTUMN 2020

NEWSLETTER

FRIENDS OF BWW EVENTS

- Friends of BWW Virtual AGM
Wed 14th October
8.00pm
- Virtual Quiz Night
(Adults Only)
Fri 6th November
8.30pm
- Virtual Christmas Fayre
Fri 4th/Sat 5th/Sun 6th
December
- Santa's Outdoor Grotto
Sat 5th December
- Christmas Lights Trail
(Great Horkesley Village)
Sat 12th December
From 4.00pm

AGM

Annual General Meeting

It's time for the Friends of BWW's Annual General Meeting. This year we feel that our only option is to hold the meeting online, so it will take place on Zoom on **Wednesday 14th October at 8.00pm.**

Our AGM is a great opportunity for parents and friends of the school to hear about the events we held, funds we raised and how we spent that money over the last year. It is also when we elect our Committee members for the coming year. We will be unable to offer the usual tea and biscuits, but we are hoping that by holding it online for the first time we may see some new faces, especially those that normally struggle with work, travel or childcare, as well as parents of the new Foundation class. It also means both parents can be present without the need for extra childcare, so we hope to see some more Dads join us for the first time too! We expect the meeting to last no longer than an hour.

Attending the AGM absolutely does not mean that you have to volunteer for anything or even become a regular member of the committee, but you can do so if you wish. If you would like any information about the committee in general, or if you would like to join us but are unable to access Zoom, please email me.

Virtual Quiz Night Friday 6th November - 8.30pm

One event we can still go ahead with is our quiz night, that will now be run online. Teams can have up to six adults – just ensure that you're within the "rule of 6" if meeting up in person, or you can always get your team together over Zoom or Facetime on the night!

Details of how to register your team and watch the quiz live will be sent out next month.

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QUIZ
NIGHT

Christmas Events

Virtual Christmas Fayre 4th/5th/6th December

This year we are going to move our Christmas Fayre online and it will be over a whole weekend. We will still have some great games, our Christmas raffle, gift room and crafts, but these will all be run virtually. Small prizes and purchased items will be bagged up ready for each child to bring home from school the following week, and collection will be arranged for any larger items. If you have any ideas to help us run our fayre virtually, please let us know!

Santa's Outdoor Grotto 5th December

We know that many places have already cancelled their grottos for this winter, so we are really working hard with Santa himself, to find a way for him to continue opening his grotto at our school in a Covid-secure way. Santa will meet children outdoors this time, and we will be running to very strict pre-booked time slots. Children will only be able to attend with members of their own household and we are looking at ways to ensure they will be a safe 2m distance from Santa, without taking anything away from the enjoyment of seeing the man himself. We would like to set up a committee of people that can help us plan this event, so please get in touch if you can help either beforehand or on the day.

Christmas Lights Trail 12th December

To help everyone get into the Christmas spirit we are planning to host a Christmas Lights Trail around the village, with some mulled wine stops, games and craft stalls too. Please look out for more information after half term!



Preloved Uniform Sales

We now have our preloved uniform shop up and running (thank you, Sarah P!). If you need any items please email us, or find Friends of BWW Preloved School Uniform on Facebook. We recommend donations from 50p (for polo shirts) to £3 (for logo cardigans/jumpers).



Easy Money Makers

Recycling

Please continue to collect your empty crisp packets. We send these off to Terracycle to be recycled, and in turn receive money for the school. During lockdown we sent off over 12,000 packets, and we've now raised over £100! Please hand crisp packets directly to Teri for sorting. Other items we recycle at school are ink cartridges and batteries, so please save these up too rather than sending them to landfill.

Amazon

We have now set up a charity account on Amazon Smile. If you ever purchase items on Amazon, please go to smile.amazon.co.uk and set **The Bishop William Ward School Association** as your chosen charity. Every time you make a purchase, the school receives some money from Amazon!

My Nametags

Another website we have set up an account with is mynametags.com. If you ever purchase name labels from them then please type in code **21664** when asked for a School ID during checkout. For every purchase you make, they donate 24% of the total to our school, and it costs you nothing!

KEEP IN TOUCH!

If you have any questions, comments or suggestions please contact Teri at: friendsofbww@gmail.com

You can also join our Facebook group – search for Friends of BWW