



The Friends of Syresham School

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Dear Parent,

Please do spare a minute or two to read what we have to say...

As you are hopefully aware, The Friends of Syresham School are a group of parents who share a common objective, to try to support the school in whatever way they can... mostly (but not exclusively) by raising much needed additional funds and putting on events that we hope will enhance, enrich and improve the children's overall experience at school. We like to think, by and large, we do a pretty good job... and hope you do too!?

Without the Friends of Syresham School there would be no May Day Fete, no school discos, no after school film nights, no Christmas Fayre or Santa's Grotto. Similarly without the huge sums of money they have raised over the years there probably wouldn't be a timber-trail, a nursery outdoor play area, virtual reality days, French lessons, quite as many books, iPads, IT resources, sports equipment (the list literally goes on) ... there simply wouldn't be the funds available to pay for all these things ... the extra things that make your child's life at Syresham School more exciting and memorable.

Like any PTA, the success of The Friends of Syresham School depends on a continual cycle of parent involvement. As children reach their final year and leave, so do their parents... and here at Syresham School we will have a substantial number of long standing and frankly amazing committee members leaving us in the next 12 months ... and to put it bluntly we're a little bit worried about what we will do without them!

So with that in mind ...**we are looking for some new faces to join the committee...** now is the ideal time to step forward and take your place amongst the ranks of The Friends of Syresham School. We are very lucky to have a high proportion of enthusiastic parents willing to help ... so being a committee member doesn't have to be arduous ... most of the time it's actually quite fun.

Having said that we could always do with **a little more support now and then, from a wider pool of parents, as it really would help to ease the pressure.** We know that being on the committee isn't for everyone, however perhaps you could help in other ways? Filling bags of popcorn for film night? Putting up posters around the village? Helping to cook pizzas at bingo night? A spot of face painting at the disco? There are all sorts of weird and wonderful ways you could help!!

We have put together a quick questionnaire (see attached) to gauge **which events you and your child/ren would like to see us put on over the coming months and perhaps which of those you might like to help with?**

We all have different pressures in life, different commitments, different circumstances and The Friends of Syresham School are not exceptional in that respect ... **we are all just ordinary parents trying our best to make a difference to the lives of the children at the school.**

So please do get involved... we really do need your support.

Many Thanks
The Friends of Syresham School x

Up coming meetings...

Monday 3rd June, 7.45pm for a 8pm start, Location TBC – Agenda ... Pre Ball Planning

Monday 15th July, 7.45pm for a 8pm start, Location TBC – Agenda ... End of academic year summary and initial outline planning for 2019/2020.