



Friends of Beaumont

Welcome to Friends of Beaumont

Welcome to Friends of Beaumont. As a new family joining Beaumont Primary School, you are now automatically members of our Parents' Association and this pack has been put together just for you. Welcome to our school community! Starting school is an exciting time for the whole family!

Studies show that there is a direct link between parental involvement and how well children do at school. Have a look at our '6 reasons why... it's great to get involved' guide at the end of this booklet.

We are fortunate at our school to have a Parents' Association that's an integral part of the school community and we are committed to raising money to spend on equipment and resources for all pupils, to enhance their educational experience and the school's facilities.

But Friends of Beaumont is about much more than simply fundraising...

Why do we have a Parents' Association?

Friends of Beaumont exists to provide closer links between home and school and is an excellent way to bring parents, carers and friends together socially in support of the school, working towards a common goal. It's fun too! Just ask any of the Committee members or volunteers.

Primary school education provides the academic, social, and emotional foundations that all children require to become healthy, successful adults. As a Parents' Association, we believe it is our duty to assist our school in providing the greatest possible outcome for each and every child within the Beaumont community.

We work together with the School to advance the education and wellbeing of pupils in order to achieve this, we raise funds to provide additional facilities that support education and wellbeing.

These aid in building a community atmosphere between, not only the children of Beaumont, but also their parents/carers and families

HAPPY FAMILIES = HEALTHY KIDS - THAT'S OUR MISSION!



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The Committee

Our Committee consists of:



Claire Griggs

Chair



Kirsty Judge

Treasurer



Dawn Beresford-Hartwell

Secretary

Class Reps

There are also class reps for each year group and working groups for activities and events throughout the school calendar. Our class reps play a vital role, providing a link between the parents in their year groups and the Committee. The support from class reps is vital when it comes to organising our main events, from selling tickets to organising rotas of help. We really could not manage without them! Each class is encouraged to start a WhatsApp group, for parents to communicate via.

We need one or two class reps for each new school intake, so if you would like to get involved in this role, we would love to hear from you.

Meetings

The Committee meets on a regular basis, with smaller working groups also meeting as necessary, especially when planning larger events. The Committee also holds an AGM in the autumn term, where everybody is invited to hear what we have been doing and our plans for the coming year, what funds we have raised and how the money is being spent. It is also when we elect our new committee members and class reps.

You are all invited to attend the AGM, which we will be announced on our website and social channels

We welcome any help from parents, carers and friends and have a growing number of volunteers who commit some time to helping the association. Every little helps, so just one hour of help in sorting books, washing pre-loved uniform or assisting at an event (for example) would be invaluable. Suggestions for new fundraising initiatives and activities are always welcome too.

If you would like to get involved, please drop us an email

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How we raise money

Like most Parents' Associations, the majority of our funds are raised through the events that we run, but we also work collaboratively with the local community to secure funding and sponsorship via our website and social media platforms.

Each year we raise money from events and activities such as:

- Community Events like the Summer & Christmas Fairs
- Pre-loved School Uniforms Sales

Donations from parents and local businesses are very important. We source our raffle prizes from local organisations keen to support the association and parents and carers can donate their time, money, pre-loved school uniform, unwanted clothing, items for sale, raffle prizes, or offers of services or skills.

We have a number of affiliate partners, listed on our website that donate money direct to Friends of Beaumont every time you shop through them, and it won't cost you a thing.



How we spend the money we raise

The Friends of Beaumont Committee is responsible for deciding how the funds raised are spent. In collaboration with the School Leadership Team, we create a wish list of items for the school. We also invite input from parents and carers too, so if you have an idea of something that would benefit all of the pupils in the school, please do share it with the Committee.

Funds are typically spent on the "extras" that are not provided by the school's budget, thus making our children's learning experiences more fulfilling and exciting.

Annually, we fund and facilitate events and activities in-school that support the mental and physical wellbeing of the pupils throughout the academic calendar, such as:

- An Easter Egg Hunt
- A Christmas Disco
- Christmas Crackers / Christmas Gift for the School Christmas Lunch
- Family School Picnic in May
- Sports Day
- Leavers' Gifts for Year 6

We have also facilitated the collection of donated Oxford Reading Tree books, to boost existing classroom resources.

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How we keep you updated

The website is the best way to keep updated, as our news pages will always have the most current information on them.

A newsletter is also sent home at intervals in children's book bags, which includes information on upcoming events and dates, plus details of the help we are looking for at larger events.



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Each year group has a WhatsApp group.

If you would like to join yours, please either contact your class rep or email us

How you can help

More detail on all the ways that you can help, can be found online and they include, but are not limited to:

- **Affiliate Shopping** - Raise Funds by doing your normal online shop, we have a list of companies which make a donation to us every time you shop through them
- **Donate Outgrown Uniform** - As your child grows out of uniform you can donate your pre-loved but not worn out school uniform to us. We wash it and sell it on to other Beaumont families at a hugely discounted price
- **Donate Unwanted Clothes** - You can donate unwanted clothing to our Clothes Bank on the school field
- **Donate Books** - You can donate your good quality pre-loved children's books
- **Make a Donation** - You can make a cash donation to Friends of Beaumont online at any time
- **Donate Your Time** - If you're not sure how you can help, but would like to do something, please get in touch. We understand that everyone is busy and will always try to find something that suits you.

If you have any questions, or would like to get involved, please drop us an email at friendsofbeaumont@yahoo.co.uk



We look forward to welcoming you to our thriving community at Beaumont Primary school!

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6 reasons why... it's great to get involved

1. It's great for the kids (even if they don't realise it!)



Being active in the Parents' Association not only improves your child's school but makes you an excellent role model. Research confirms what we've always known: when children see us involved in their school and learning, it encourages them to do their best.

"I love to see my mum in the school helping at the fun events they run for us"

Richmond Park School, Parents Engaged Actively in School Survey

2. It builds trust



Becoming part of the Parents' Association is a great way to get to know other parents and teachers while gaining an insight into the workings of the school. With parents and teachers striving towards the same goals, the parent group is instrumental in making a real difference in the school life of all children.

"Being a part of the Parents' Association, I have really got to know how the school works and have confidence on how I fit it" *A Case study: Why I took the Parents' Association plunge*

3. It raises welcome funds



Whether it's creating an outdoor classroom, stocking the school library with new books or arranging a visit from a top author, the funds raised from your activities impact massively on the opportunities and experiences of all the children.

"It's great that we finally have some decent kit at school for a change"

Case Study: Rushmore Primary School - Parents' Association brings back its school library after 20 year break

4. It gives you a voice



Many Parents' Association already act as a consultative group for the school leaders and governors. So, whether it's deciding on where funds are spent or getting parent views on wraparound care, you can make sure parents have a voice in how your school.

"It felt great when head teacher as the Parents' Association for our views on the new school uniform policy. It made me feel listened to" *Case study: Burdett-Coutts and Townshend CE*

5. It forges connections beyond the school gates



Parents' Associations are brilliant for building relationships with the local community, from events, sponsorships from local businesses, and mentions in local press.

"We've been able to really grow the scale of the Parents' Association with some great local contacts" *Case Study: Queen Elizabeth's School - Welcoming stakeholders of all kinds to QE Family*

6. It's good for you!



Every parent has plenty to offer a Parents' Association, and whether it's being on the committee, helping out at events or organising meetings, your talents will be put to good use. As well as being enjoyable and satisfying, you can build your confidence and learn new skills too.

"I've been able to use my design skills to help the school, it feels great to make a difference" *Case Study: a volunteer Dad - Contributions Welcome*