



Newsletter

Autumn 2017

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Welcome to the Autumn Term!

Welcome back! We hope you all had a great summer holiday and that the children have settled back into school,. Some children will be new to the school and some have moved to new classes so good luck to everyone for a great 2017/18 school year.

For those who are new to the school we are fore-mostly a PTA but also a registered charity. You may hear us referred to as FOALS. Throughout the year we raise money by holding fund raising events and organize a few social activities and gatherings for both the children and the adults! We use this money we raise to pay for extra curricular activities for the children and also to help fund other school activities and equipment that can't be provided from the school's budget.

AGM

We held our AGM and committee meeting on the 18th September. We agreed on the committee roles and discussed our fundraising events and spending for the coming year. The role nominations were for Chair, Treasurer and Secretary which were filled as follows: Sarah Lowe, Janine Birch-Horn and Sarah Fletcher-Whitmarsh respectively.

Mums Night Out

It actually turned into a Mums and Dads night out! We had a great time chatting, eating and drinking at the Larwood and Voce pub in West Bridgford. It was great to meet some new parents and catch up with the old!

PLEASE JOIN US

FOALS is run by a small group of parents with help from a teaching member of staff. At the end of this academic year we lose 3 very active members of the committee as their children leave Ash Lea. We desperately need new members to help us! You don't need to fill an officer role but we need active committee members or we simply cannot do all that we currently do. We meet once or twice a term to discuss and plan events, usually at the Rose and Crown pub in Cotgrave at 7.30pm on Mondays or Tuesdays when the pub is quiet.

If you can help us, please email foals@ashlea.notts.sch.uk or send a message via school and we'll get in touch.





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COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Chair: Sarah Lowe — parent to Jess in Class 9.

Treasurer: Janine Birch-Horn — parent to Emma in Class 8.

Secretary: Sarah Fletcher-Whitmarsh — parent to Felix in class 5.

Other Committee Members:

Celia Woodford: parent to Isaac, now attending Portland college.

Leah Woodford: sister to Isaac.

Lisa Parker — parent to Rebecca in class 6.

Neil Phipp — Class 9 teacher.

GIVE AS YOU LIVE

We are registered with Give As You Live where you can raise money for FOALS just by shopping online. So when you are buying your Christmas presents or doing your weekly online grocery shop, please remember to launch the shops via this site. To register, go to:

<https://www.giveasyoulive.com/join/foals>

CHRISTMAS FAIR

The school Christmas Fair is on November 25th and we are making a start to our plans by looking for raffle prizes. If you, your business or the company you work for are able to donate a prize please get in touch. We can provide an official letter if required.

FUTURE EVENTS

- ◆ FOALS Swim — Sunday 8th October, Cotgrave Leisure Centre 4-6pm.
- ◆ Christmas Fair — Saturday 25th November 11am-1pm.
- ◆ Santa Cruise — Sunday 10th December 1.45pm.
- ◆ December Theatre event — to be confirmed.