



The Friends of Merrylands School Association (FOMSA)

Who are FOMSA

We are the Friends of Merrylands School Association.

Who are we?

A group of parents who work in conjunction with the school helping to fund raise and organize events.

All parents are volunteers.

Some parents are committee members, both voting and non-voting and some are volunteers who help out on an ad hoc basis at fund raising events.

Many of the committee members are working parents and have to take holiday from work to conduct events. New committee members or volunteers are always welcome.

Many hands make light work!

Where do the profits go?

In previous years FOMSA have contributed funds to various different items. Last year we were asked to support one main project per year. It was agreed that the project for 2012/2013 would be the refurbishment of the disabled changing facilities.

FOMSA were delighted to be able to donate £2,000 towards the project.

Registered charity

Committee Members

Karen Borowski – Chair

Tracy Clampton – Vice Chair

Leanna Keefe – Secretary

Rebecca Bott – Treasurer

What do we do?

Organize various fund raising events for example:

Valentine's Day and Halloween Discos

Discos generally take place on a Thursday.

Times

3.30 – 5.00 for Key Stage 1 and 2

5.30 – 7.00 for Key Stage, 3, 4, 5 and 6

Prizes

Prizes are given for the best Halloween costumes.

Refreshments

Drinks, chocolates, hot dogs and glow bracelets are all available for children to purchase.

NB

Unfortunately we are unable to invite Reception children to the discos due to the ratio of adults per children required and because our previous experience has been that the

children get very upset. It is a long day for them and they do not always understand that their parents/carers will not be staying with them.

Easter Egg Raffle

Raffle tickets are sent home with the children. Winners are announced in assembly.

Christmas Raffle

Lucky number raffle tickets are sent home with the children. Various prizes are available.

Mothers Day/Fathers Day.

Children are able to purchase a gift for Mothers/Fathers Day. The sale takes place during school hours and the children are accompanied by teachers/learning support assistants to make their purchases.

Prices range from £1.00 - £5.00

Adventure Island, Southend – Wristbands

Junior and Senior wristbands are sold during May at a discounted price.

Charity Car Park

Charities are allowed to apply to Basildon Council to spend one Saturday at the car park. The car park charges £1.00 for all day parking. On the allocated day all monies collected are retained by the charity.

Charities are only allowed to make one application per year we are able to add our name to a waiting list in the event of a cancellation we may be offered a second place.

Where does your money go?/What have we contributed to so far?

A portable PA system

Bookmarks for each school child to commemorate the Golden Jubilee

Football kits for Year 2 children

Year 6 leavers books

Year 6 leavers dictionaries

£2,000 donation towards the refurbishment of the disabled changing facilities

This year's project

To raise money for 15 mini ipads and a storage trolley.

How can you help?

Volunteer to become a non- voting member of the Committee

Volunteer to help out at various events
Support events by buying raffle tickets or refreshments
Make suggestions for fund raising events

Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Each year in April, we hold our annual general meeting when the Committee is dissolved, members advise if they would like to stay on the Committee. The roles of Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer and Secretary have to be nominated and seconded.

Details of the accounts are provided by the Treasurer and discussed by the Committee.

Committee Meetings

These are generally conducted on a bi monthly basis or more frequently if it is deemed necessary.

The Committee will discuss forthcoming events and what planning is required. Finances will be discussed and any proposals for contributions towards the school will be agreed.

New Ideas

We always need new ideas for fund raising. Please email fomsa@merrylands-pri.essex.sch.uk with any suggestions you may have.

Calendar of Events for 2013/2014

October (date to be confirmed)

Charity Car Park

Refreshment Stand at Merrylands Sports Day

Summer Disco

Halloween Disco

Christmas Lucky Number raffle