

From the Chair...

Like all PTAs, Friends of Gateways (FoG) relies on the ongoing support of parents and school staff for the success of its events and regular activities. As always, we thank you for supporting us in our endeavours to raise funds for such worthwhile projects for Gateways.

For FoG to continue to flourish and benefit the school we need new parents to take up the mantle and join the committee. Committee members that have been with us for many years are now leaving and we need new members to 'fill the gap'. We meet one evening per month for an hour or so from 7.30 pm and can also frequently be found on a Friday morning in the dining room hatching plans for the next event! If you think this is something you would like to do, please come along to our next meeting, which will be held on Monday, 10 May at 7.30pm in the Cox-Simpson Library. Alternatively, you can contact me directly on:

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or Cathy Thomas-Varcoe on:

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I would like to end by wishing you all a happy Easter break and I hope to be inundated with 'new FoG recruits' next term! Have fun...

Helene Duncan



Recent events

This year our fundraising has focused on the purchase of a school minibus and we are pleased to announce that we were recently able to donate £7000 towards the school minibus fund. The following events held this term have contributed to our fundraising.

The Upper IV Extravaganza!



FoG was very pleased to collaborate with Upper IV on 26 February, when they staged a fun-filled night of entertainment with a Willy Wonka theme. FoG organised the buffet and bar for this successful evening, which raised over £1000, £500 of which went towards the school minibus appeal. We hope this

joint venture will be the first of many future shared events.

Easter Disco

The Pre-prep and Prep pupils attended their annual Easter Disco on Tuesday, 30 March. The Pre-prep children were treated to dancing and games run by Mr Shuffles, with face painting and a bubble machine to add to the fun. The Prep disco featured a fantastic 'dance-off' competition, games, a nail-bar and fashion face motifs. The foyer of the PAC was decorated with the wonderful artwork entered in the 'Decorate the Egg' competition, which was judged by Mrs Wilcox. Well done to everyone who entered the competition. Thank you to Mrs Thomas-Varcoe for organising such a popular event!



Recycling Initiatives

FoG continues to support the Gateways recycling initiatives with Bag2School collections. We are pleased to announce that the collection in February raised £164 towards the minibus fund. Next term's Bag2School collection will be held on **Tuesday, 8 June** between 8.00 -9.00am. We welcome all clothing, soft furnishings and leather shoes, bags and belts. Please note that we cannot accept toys, games, books or general household bric-a-brac.

FoG committee

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Staff representatives:

Mrs Wilkinson, Miss Suggitt, Mrs Wallis, Mrs Wilcox

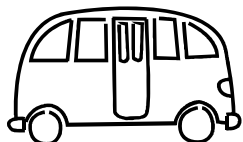
Contacting FoG

Weekly newsletters will notify you of forthcoming monthly meetings. Questions can be sent prior to each meeting. A FoG folder is kept in the school office and correspondence can be sent with your child in an envelope marked FoG. However, most parents find e-mail is the easiest way to communicate with us. Please e-mail us on:
fog@gatewayschool.co.uk

Donations in Spring Term 2009

This term, Friends of Gateways has donated the following gifts to the school:

- ◆ new sofas and a coffee table for the communal areas in the Schofield building
- ◆ equipment for the Duke of Edinburgh Award training
- ◆ Pizza party for winners of the Prep Christmas hamper competition
- ◆ £7000 towards the school minibus.



Upcoming: The Black & White Summer Ball – Friday, 18 June 2010

We are delighted to announce that this year's annual Summer ball will be held in the stunning new marquee in the grounds of Harewood House. As always, the ball promises to be the highlight of our year's fundraising efforts and a wonderful celebration of the school's achievements for the year. The Dave Challis Band will provide the entertainment for the evening and we will be auctioning a fabulous trip to Dubai staying at the Atlantis Palm Hotel, kindly donated by Netflights.com. Tickets are £45 each and can be purchased by returning the slip in this mailing, along with your cheque made payable to Friends of Gateways. We hope to see you there! The flyer for this event is included in your Easter pack so please fill it in and come along for what will be a superb evening.



'Nearly New' Uniform Shop

FoG opens the 'Nearly New' Uniform Shop during term times on Wednesday mornings from 8.30 to 9.00am and on Friday afternoons from 3.00 to 4.00pm. From here you can purchase second-hand uniform, school hair accessories (including headbands, clips and hairbands) and Love2... shopping bags. The shop also houses a noticeboard to advertise any items you might like to sell and is the base for orders for Phoenix cards, stationery and wrapping papers.

Should you wish to sell something in the 'Nearly New' Uniform Shop, please pin the following information to your garments and drop them off to the shop:

- ◆ pupil's name
- ◆ garment size
- ◆ price (if you are unsure please ask volunteers in the shop any of the above details)

You can opt to donate all funds from the sale of your garments to Friends of Gateways. Donated items do not need any of the above details.

