

## Friends of St Oswald's Newsletter, January 2011

**Next Friends Meeting (AGM)** Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> February, 7.30 – 8.30pm, In School

In addition to our informal discussions regarding Friends activities, the AGM does require some formalities to be completed. At the meeting I will be standing down as Chair, and this position needs to be filled.

**Please consider whether you could take on this role:** I have put some information about what's involved on the noticeboards, and feel free to chat to me if you have any questions. Being on the Friends committee is not necessarily hard work and it is a pleasure to be involved with the school, seeing our children benefitting from Friends activities. Over the past couple of years The Friends have provided funding for a range of new musical instruments, Astroturf, climbing frame and slide for the nursery playground, vehicles for Reception class to use outdoors, digiblu cameras for use in all classes, and various workshops and theatre visits. If you enjoy getting involved and doing a bit of organising, this is a role that you can make your own.

If the role of Chair doesn't appeal, why not consider looking after school uniform or Puffin book club. It would be really beneficial for someone to shadow Gail over the next few months so they can get a good idea of what's involved with ordering and selling school uniform. For more information please see Gail Robinson (uniform) or Julie McIntyre (book club).

### Helpers Required



Last year a number of volunteers helped to catalogue the school library books. There is further work to be done cataloguing new books and enhancing the current system. If you are able to help out over the next few weeks we will get a rota organised for parents / carers to work in pairs for a couple of hours at a time. Please let me know if and when you're able to help (Rachel Dillon 07769 787 229).

### Cheese and Wine Evening

Rachel Brown is hosting a Cheese and Wine Evening on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> February at 8pm. Tickets are available (£5) from Rachel who can be contacted on 07540 972759. All proceeds go to The Friends.



### Recent Fundraisers

- Tea towels raised £240
- Christmas puddings raised £148
- Nativity DVDs raised £515
- The Christmas Celebration was unfortunately cancelled due to bad weather. Thanks to those who donated toys for the tombola: they have been put aside for the Summer Fair. There will be an opportunity for a get together at the launch of the School's new website – details to follow.

#### Friends Noticeboards

Remember that you can place notices on the Friends noticeboards for £1 per fortnight. Just put 2 copies with payment in an envelope marked 'Friends Noticeboards' and hand in at the office.