

# FRIENDS OF MARLFIELDS

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## Who are we?

We are the Friends of Marlfields team, a group of parents and friends of Marlfields whose main aim is to raise funds for Marlfields Primary Academy. All parents of children at Marlfields Primary Academy are automatically part of Friends of Marlfields. How involved you become is up to you!

## What do we do?

We meet roughly once each half term to plan fun fundraising events to raise money for school. We then help to run the events we have planned. In the past, we have organised and run BBQs, film nights, Christmas card projects, Easter bingo, discos, raffles, a tea towel project, coffee mornings, non-uniform days, and Mother's Day and Father's Day fundraisers.

## How can you help?

We are busy parents with most of us either working or studying. We give up our time to provide exciting opportunities for the children of Marlfields. However, we cannot do this on our own. We are hugely appreciative of your support and participation in the fundraising events that we organise. Any parent, carer, relative or friend is welcome to attend our meetings to provide suggestions or feedback. For many, attending meeting is not possible but there are other ways that you can help. For example, you may be able to dedicate an hour of your time to help to set up for an event, such as putting chairs out or laying tables. You may be able to help to sell raffle tickets or cakes. You may be able to run a stall at one of our fairs. However much time you can offer, no matter how long or short the duration, it will all make a huge difference to the impact we can have on the children who attend our school.

## Where is the money spent?

Simply put, the money raised is spent on the children of Marlfields! We often donate money towards the cost of coaches for school trips. We have also bought classroom furniture for nursery, contributed to the cost of exciting events held in school, bought a previous swimming team their swim-a-thon T-shirts, bought Easter gifts for the children, and we have even helped out Father Christmas with the cost of gifts the children have received in school at Christmas time.



## Dates for your diary

The following dates apply to all year groups.

- Next meeting: Date TBC
- **Throughout December:** Christmas Card Project
- **Friday 9th December:** Christmas film night
- **Friday 10th February:** Big Breakfast
- **Friday 17th March:** Mother's Day afternoon tea boxes to be handed out (afternoon tea boxes available to order during March)
- **Friday 17th March:** non uniform day in exchange for Easter eggs
- **Friday 24th March:** Spring Fair and Easter Bingo
- **Monday 22nd May:** Coffee morning and sponsored bounce
- **Friday 16th June:** Father's Day treat boxes to be handed out (treat boxes available to order during June)
- **Friday 11th July:** Family Sports Day

## Christmas Card Project



Although the shops are already filling up with Christmas cards and gifts, PLEASE DON'T BUY ANY CHRISTMAS CARDS JUST YET! Over the next few days, the children at Marlfields will be busy designing their

Christmas cards which will be sent away to be professionally printed. Over the next few weeks, you will receive information about how to order multipacks of cards printed with your child's design. Mugs, bags, tea towels and wrapping paper will also be available. Details will follow soon.

