FRIENDS OF Swansfield Park Primary School

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'Friends' Committee...

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Between us we have children in Reception and Years 1,2,3 & 5.

As parents and carers we are all Friends of Swansfield Park Primary School. Our small committee rely on help from the other friends (parents and carers) in supporting our fundraising event. This may be by bringing your children to the events we organise, buying raffle tickets, donating prizes or helping us at the events.

All of the money raised goes directly back into school. We pay for the children to have a Christmas lunch in school and we regularly cover the cost of bus hire for school trips. We are also in the process of buying football strips for the school teams.

Recent expenditure includes

£668 spent on bus hire for school trips

- £304 on Christmas lunches for pupils
- **£395** on bringing the pantomime production into school
- **£224** on Welly storage boxes
- **£51** on Football bibs

We are always very keen to hear from anyone who may be able to spare some time to help. This is often helping with tasks like selling raffle tickets, serving in the tuck-shop or running a stall. However small, all contributions of help are always appreciated.

Another way to support the Friends of Swansfield Park Primary is to use **www.easyfundraising.org.uk** when you shop online. It's very simple to use and offers cash back to the Friends from over 3,000 shops and sites including Amazon, Argos, Next, ASOS, John Lewis & Boots.

Upcoming fundraising events include:

Sun Feb 11th: 3-4pm Willowburn Fun Day

We have secured exclusive use of Willowburn Pool, Soft Play and Roller Disco from 3 - 4pm on Sunday 11th February 2018 for Swansfield Park pupils. Wednesday 21st Feb 6pm Friends Meeting

Sat March 3rd 10am-12pm Coffee Morning, Northumberland Hall

Wed 28th March 6pm Easter Bingo

Sat 12th May Spring Fair



Tickets are available from the school office priced at £2.50 each. Tickets are limited so please buy yours as soon as possible. We have a maximum of 70 tickets for the Pool Inflatable, 40 for the Soft Play and 40 for the Roller Disco. Tea, coffee, soft drinks and snacks will be available to purchase on the day.

Friends Meetings

Numbers of attendees at the meetings has seen a significant dip recently. By coming along to a meeting, it does not mean you will be given 'a job' or will have any responsibility placed on you. We would like parents and carers to come along to find out about what we do, share ideas for fundraising events and have a chat with other parents in a relaxed environment. Without your help and support we run the risk of not being able to provide school with the current level of support.

We are keen to set up a group, whether that is via email or a 'What's App' group where we can communicate with people who have expressed an interest in helping at future events, this way we can coordinate offers of help and know in advance if we have enough volunteers.

It may be that you can help at one event and not the next or the one after that, there is no pressure to help at each and every event.

If you would like to add your email address or mobile number to our list of potential helpers then please contact us via Friends of Swansfield Park Facebook page or by email: friendsofswansfield@gmail.com

