



The Friends of Ditcham Park School

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Summer holidays... here we come!!

Welcome to the last FDPS newsletter of the 2014/15 year, and what a year it has been, one of our most successful ever - with the "best ever" Christmas and May Fayres, and the inaugural "Ditcham After Dark" just some of the highlights!

Thank you so much for playing your part, either by volunteering at or attending our fundraising and social events... we say this a lot (but it is true)....

WE COULDN'T DO IT WITHOUT YOU!

Now, for the final news of the year....beginning with an invitation for you to

Get involved... With the FDPS **BIG TICKET ITEM**
This is your chance to Bid BIG!

Last week we gave you news of our latest initiative ... the "Big Ticket Item"! We are thrilled to have received some wonderful ideas from the pupils over the last two weeks – and now it is the turn of all the grownups! Can you match the variety of suggestions suggested by your children and pupils?

Find out more by visiting the [FDPS website](http://www.friendsofditchampark.com) today – look in the news section and download your form, complete and send in your best suggestions on how to spend a fund of £10,000!!

The **WHOLE SCHOOL** community has the rare chance to **decide together** how it would like to spend the proceeds of this fund, on **one "Big Ticket" item... up to £10,000!**

We look forward to seeing what you can come up with!

Create some Magic!



Nominate your "Big Ticket" Idea...

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Committee News – Adoption of New Constitution



Further to our recent EGM, held on 24th June 2015, the required number of votes was received in order to pass the new “model constitution”.

This constitution document will now be submitted to The Charity Commission and, once we have received approval, will be posted to the FDPS website for reference.

Thanks to all who attended the EGM... we’re looking forward to beginning a new academic year with an updated operating document!

Save The Dates!

As you might expect, the FDPS Committee is already busily planning for the 2015-16 year and would like to give you advance notice of the dates already set, as follows:

- **Annual General Meeting – Tuesday 22nd September 7-9pm (South Downs Hall)**
- **FDPS Committee Meeting: Wednesday 30th September 7-9pm Library**
- **FDPS Café at the DPS Open Morning: Saturday 3rd October 10am – 1.30pm**
- **Family Bingo Night: Friday 9th October (time tbc)**
- **Juniors Halloween Party : Thursday 22nd October (times tbc)**
- **Christmas Fayre : Saturday 5th December 12 noon – 3.30pm**



More details on all of these forthcoming events will be given early in the new term, and over the summer holiday period via the FDPS website “Events” page...

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Woof woof! Great news from DPS "Name a Puppy" HQ!



FDPS would like to congratulate all the pupils of Ditcham Park, but particularly the Juniors, for their amazing year-long fundraising efforts for The Guide Dogs for the Blind!

Denise tells us that the children have already raised £1,666 through various activities, including cakes sales, sponsored silences, "chores for cash", naming The Teddy Bear and a Dogs Unite Sponsored Walk last November, more than the £1,500 needed to "Name a Puppy" - well done!

FDPS has been proud to help the children with their fundraising efforts at the Christmas & May Fayres, and is looking forward to hearing what name has been chosen by Guide Dogs from the 3 names proposed by the Juniors – and then, to meeting the pup when he/she comes to visit!

Denise tells us that, **for just a further £134 the School can also take part in a "Sponsor A Class of Puppies" for the next year** – which will give them regular "pupdates" on a group of three Guide Dog puppy recruits. So please can you ensure any remaining sponsorship money or collections are sent into School before the end of his week (for the attention of Denise Allen) and let's see if we can get over the £1,800 mark and secure this extra puppy treat!

And finally....



Now we must say a final thank you for this wonderful year to you all; for your friendship, energy, teamwork and commitment to helping FDPS to raise some incredible sums of money and running some fabulous social events.

Have a wonderful Summer!

Vicki Harvey, Denise Allen, Jules Wilson and the FDPS Committee

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