



Friends of Joydens Wood Infant School

We are a Charity that raises money to enhance our children's school experience!

A warm welcome to all our new children, parents and carers in Reception, and welcome back to Year 1 and Year 2; we hope you all had a fabulous summer!

We held our first Friends meeting on Friday 8th September, please find the minutes for this meeting at the end of this letter.

We thought it might be an idea to explain who we are and how we work.

ALL parents and carers of children at this school are automatically members of the "PTA" and we'd love you to attend our meetings! PLEASE don't worry that if you come, you'll get roped into things – honestly you won't, we'd just appreciate your company, ideas and opinions!

Our present Committee consists of:

Chair – Judith Warrener Child just started Y3 in the Juniors	Assistant – Hayley Muttet Child in Y2
Secretary – Lucie Parsons Child in Y1	Assistant – Laura Taylor Child in Y1
Treasurer – Sam Charlton Child in Y1	Assistant – Sue Grimble Governor and grandparent of child just starting Y3 in Juniors

Our AGM is set for Thursday 19th October at 1.30pm. We'll be reporting on the past year and requesting and voting for this year's committee members.

On average our meetings last an hour and we will:

- Discuss and plan upcoming events
- Review recent activity
- Decide on spends
- Come up with new ideas to raise money for our children's school and laugh quite a lot!
- And it's an excellent way to get to know other parents in the school too!

We run a number of school events, including:

- **Class Tea ever Friday afternoon 2.30 to 3pm in the Main Hall.** (Open to all, cakes usually provided by one class per week).
- **School disco**
- Christmas shopping day and Christmas Fayre
- **Parents Quiz Night – great fun!**
- Fabulous Easter Raffle
- **Summer BBQ after Sports Day**

The amount of money that we've raised over the last nine years would just not have been possible without the generous help, support and donations received from all our fabulous parents, families and friends!

As you all know we've raised enough over the last two years to provide the **Fabulous New Activity Trail** in the main playground. Also,

- a defibrillator (main corridor of the school)
- Road Safety Shows
- Christmas Panto
- Upgrade the Christmas Dinner experience
- Reptile Life Show
- Y2 leavers gifts

Any help or donation – big or small – is always greatly appreciated!

If you have any of the following skills, please let us know:

- face painting
- craft making
- computer publishing skills (flyer and poster designing)
- DIY skills
- green fingers


If you or a family member works for a bank that does match funding please also let us know.

Thank you for taking the time to read this and please read the newsletters, posters and texts that advertise our various events.

If you are interested in attending meetings, being involved in any way or just receiving minutes and emails please contact us via friendsofjwis@gmail.com

Your support helps your child!



Don't forget we are listed with , please enjoy your online shopping and raise money for your child's school too!

Taken from the Give as you Live website:

1. What is Give as you Live and how does it work?

Give as you Live is a free and easy way to raise money for your favourite charity, just by shopping online. Once you've signed up, you can browse our website for the store you want to shop with. Click 'shop now' to go to their website, then continue to shop as normal.

We'll then email you within 1-7 days to let you know how much you've raised.

2. How much can I raise for my charity?

The donation amount varies from store to store. Most of the time you raise a percentage of what you spend - between 1% and 10% - whilst sometimes it's a fixed amount.

With some stores there are different rates or restrictions depending on what you buy - you can see more information on each store's page on our website.

3. And it's free?

Yes! You don't pay anything extra for your shopping, the donation is made at no extra cost to you.

It's also completely free for your charity. There are no joining or payment fees, so 100% of the donation will reach the charity.

4. When will my charity receive the donation?

We pay charities once a month by BACS via our payment partner, Technology Trust.

You can view the status of every donation within your account. A donation will typically move from 'pending' to 'approved' to 'paid' over the course of a few months.

5. Where does the donation come from?

As a "thank you" for sending them sales and customers, our stores pay us a commission. We use this commission to make a donation to your chosen charity.

