

October 2017

FOLW- Friends of Lowton West

*A very warm
welcome.....*

Welcome parents and carers! We hope you are all settled in to the new school term and wanted to now take the opportunity to introduce ourselves and let you know a bit more about us.....

Who are we?

We are parents, with children in the school. Most of us having joined because of word of mouth. From stay at home mums, to part time and full time workers.

Some provide a few hours support when they can at events throughout the year and others provide help on a regular basis. For those who cannot attend meetings, we share information and ideas via email, so no matter how much help we can give, it all helps!

We all joined FOLW to try and have a positive impact on the future of the school and a say in the events we provide for the children.

MONEY WE RAISE..

This goes towards: Indoor & Outdoor play equipment, Arts week, History workshops, Science day, school trips, educational trips plus more!

HELP!

Come and ask how you can help! Those of you with pre-schoolers are welcome at meetings, all they'll need is something to keep them occupied.

CHARITIES

We also donate to nominated charities each year. These have included Macmillan, Wigan & Leigh Hospice, Meningitis & many more!

What do we do?

Coffee mornings- We always need volunteers to help setting up the hall the afternoon before, plus those that can assist on the day itself, helping serve hot drinks and cakes etc along with clearing up. We rely on donations of cakes and we set good value prices for items served with all the money going towards the school.

Christmas Fair- We help organise a games room on the day, with all money raised going to the school.

Christmas Parties- Assisting school, last years events were an amazing success, plus the infant children got to see Santa, and a disco was provided along with afternoon tea.

Infant Party- entertainment after school, last year we had a magic show with games and music along with snacks provided after school.

Years 3/4 & 5/6 disco- we set up a tuck shop along with other stalls on the night.

Sports Days- assisting with refreshments on the day.

Performing Arts- we arrange refreshments in the interval- this is a fantastic opportunity to watch Year 5 and 6 perform. The children have been outstanding and showcase their talents.

Year 6 leavers party- We provide a buffet & disco along with leavers gift.

Summer Fair- this has been run and organised by FOLW each year, but can only continue if we get help from volunteers.

We hope by introducing ourselves and showing that we are parents just like you, who want to have a positive impact, that you will come along and offer your support however you can.

It's also a fantastic way to meet other parents for support, along with having lots of fun, making new friends and enjoying social events too.

Volunteers are essential to keeping the FOLW going, so an hour or two of your time can provide a huge amount of help!

Pass over your details to reception and we will be in touch!



Chairperson/Secretary.

Jayne Esau is our Chair & Secretary, she has been part of FOLW for many years. This is her second year as Chair, providing a much needed organisational role. Jayne is a governor at the school and has 2 children in Year 4.

Treasurer.

Lynda Pouncey is our Treasurer and has been part of FOLW for the longest number of years. Having undertaken this important role for many years, she hopes to share her knowledge with some of our newer members to enable others to assist & take on this role in the future. Lynda is a TA & Governor at school, she has children in Years 4 & 6.

Each year at the start of the new term we hold a FOLW meeting. We decide the agenda for the year, dates for the school diary & decide who will be Chairperson (our organiser), Secretary (admin) and Treasurer (banking & helping us allocate any money).

The following are our **FOLW** members some of whom have been members for many years:

Year 1 Elaine Farmer, Carrie Boardman, Anita Mazey, Tracy Clements, Judy Heaton Morris.

Year 2 Collette Gallimore, Anita Mazey, Christina Wood, Tracy Clements, Nikki Parker, Michelle Crompton.

Year 3 Niki Crosbie-Fawcett & Mallory Blachier.

Year 4 Jayne Esau, Emma Matthews, Lynda Pouncey, Sian Derbyshire, Kylie Fletcher.

Year 5 Inga Yates, Leanne Weaver, Nicola Wilson.

Year 6 Lynda Pouncey, Carrie Boardman & Kylie Fletcher.

We hope this Information has been useful and if at any time you have any questions, Ideas or want to offer your help In any way, then please come speak to any one of us, or pass your details to reception.

We look forward to meeting you all,

From all of FOLW.

