

# \* Friends of Colet News \*

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## GOOD NEWS

A belated Happy New Year to everybody. During the Autumn Term Friends of Colet have had several very successful events, which have helped boost our much depleted funds following last years purchases.

**Quiz Night** was our first fundraising event of the term. Only about 86 people attended, which is the lowest number for several years. However, with excellent food prepared, served and donated by Anna and Ali from the Shoulder of Mutton a very good evening was had by all. For the first time in many years we had a licenced bar which we hope to do again in the future encouraging more people to come and purchase beer and wine at low prices. Including the Raffle and the Heads and Tails game a profit of £763 was made. Well done to all those involved and thank you to all the helpers.

**The Christmas Fayre.** Around 350 people attended this year – more than ever before. It is really very pleasing to see so many people make the effort to come out on a cold, dark night in November. However, the amount of money made this year was down on last year by around £100. Friends of Colet benefitted to the tune of £1,120. Thank you to all those who came including the helpers, we hope you enjoyed the event and will come again. Donations of bottles and cakes this year were very low restricting the amount we could make on these stalls. With the support you have given us over the last few years for this event we will be running the Christmas Fayre again in November 2009.

**The Ceilidh Night.** What can we say – a terrific night arranged by Veronica Brown and Jenny Morris. A brilliant band that is booked up a year ahead played to a school hall filled to capacity. The ladies organised everything from the food, to the raffle, to the bar and then donated all the profit to the Friends of Colet. We cannot thank them enough for their hard work and generosity. And incidentally their donation was a staggering £1,750. !!.... It was obvious that everybody was having a good time. In doing so these people, many of whom had no connection with school, have benefitted the facilities our children have at their disposal. So our thanks must go to those people as well.

ARE THERE ANY OTHER PARENTS OUT THERE WHO WOULD LIKE TO ORGANISE A FUNDRAISING EVENT ON BEHALF OF THE SCHOOL ?

The committee would like to remind all parents/guardians of the 1000 plus children attending school how important it is to support events organised for fundraising. Without this the school would be a poorer place and your child could not enjoy the facilities we endeavour to provide for their benefit.

**Moving on to Art.** We hope that in the coming weeks the ART DEPARTMENT will be able to order the printing machine that was on their wish list. This will be following approval and finalisation at next months committee meeting. Hopefully it will be up and running for the Summer Term. This is something that would not normally be bought by school as it is considered a luxury, but it was felt that it would benefit a wide range of pupils across all age groups in a very inspiring department. It will give another dimension to the many creative pupils we have in school. If anyone would like to see an example of their work and that of our feeder schools, there will be a free exhibition in school on 3rd, 4th and 5th February from 4.30pm to 7.00pm each day.

**AGM & Guest Speaker.** Since our last newsletter the AGM was held, prior to which there was a talk on Parenting Teenagers. To the 20 or so people who turned up there was a light hearted short talk given from a parents point of view which opened up to a discussion amongst many of those present. We hope those who came enjoyed their time and their wine! The Friends of Colet had a successful year fulfilling all their commitments as mentioned in our last newsletter. Over the year a total amount of £11,000.00 was raised. However, outgoings amounted to over double this amount leaving us with only a small carry forward for this year. So this year your support is as vital as ever to ensure our survival and continued support of the school.

**200 club**

Since our last newsletter the following members have been lucky winners.

**September**

- 1<sup>st</sup> – £100 J Kempster
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - £50 A D Hogg
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - £25 S Walsh

**October**

- 1<sup>st</sup> – £100 D Kaye
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - £50 M Hunt
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - £25 Joanne Neville

**November**

- 1<sup>st</sup> – £100 M Hulm
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - £50 Fiona Goldney
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - £25 S Wellington

**December**

- 1<sup>st</sup> – £100 S Wellington
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - £50 Chris Lund
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - £25 S Wellington



Thank you the IL department at John Colet for the donation of a Hamper which we raffled in the run up to Christmas.

£123.00 was raised!



**FUTURE EVENTS**

**NON UNIFORM DAY**

FRIDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY

**QUIZ NIGHT**

SATURDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> MARCH

**NON UNIFORM DAY**

FRIDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> JUNE

*PAMPER NIGHT*

*12<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY*

*CANCELLED*

**FOOTNOTE:**

Due to a lack of enthusiasm by therapists and parents this event has been cancelled for the time being. It will be reconsidered at a later date.

Remember if you cannot attend or do not “do” school events please consider sending a donation – every penny raised is spent to benefit OUR children.

**Want to contact us.**

**Here’s How!**

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**200 club**

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**Other committee members:-**

- Barbara Allwright–Deborah Bedford
- Sarah Bridson – Andy Elwin
- Sharon Evans – Isobel Harrison
- Marjorie Johnston – Ruth Malleson
- Elizabeth O’Flanagan
- Pauline Phillips – Tasha Rose
- Dave Wadey
- Anna & Ali Yazdi

To those of you who do not recognise the names of committee members, you may be interested to know that currently four members of the school staff are active supporters of the Friends of Colet.

This is great news for the school and the committee bringing closer links between the two. New members with new ideas will always be welcome, so if you would like to join us at any time as a full member or as an associate member, please feel free to come along to one of our meetings in school on the first Tuesday of every month at 7.30pm. Alternatively ring any committee member and discuss your ideas for consideration.

**Our email address:-**

Office @johncolet.co.uk

**Or by post:-**

Letter addressed to : Friends of Colet  
c/o John Colet School

**200 club UPDATE**

Our current membership has dropped to 156 and our new 200 club organiser, Wendy Perkins, needs your support. Empty promises will not support our cause. For those of you not signed up please make the effort – it only costs £2 per month. For a small amount of money it is a bit of fun and you can also help benefit the children at the same time.

For an application form RING NOW:-  
WENDY PERKINS 01296 631547 or send details to the school office marked FOC.

**Don’t delay act today!!**

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**REMEMBER – YOU HAVE TO BE**

**IN IT TO WIN IT**

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