

Northill C of E VA Lower School

# FPTA newsletter

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Welcome to our friends, parents and teachers association newsletter.

We would like to share with you what we have achieved this term and give you details of forthcoming events for your diary. We would also like to thank you all for your valued support along the way.

Thank you to everyone for your support with the family fun day, we hope you enjoyed it as much as we did.

The event raised in the region of £300, which as always goes towards funding coaches for school trips, activity sessions, such as the visit from the Bedfordshire youth opera this week and play and educational equipment for the children.

Thank you to all of you that took the time to complete the mini questionnaire in our last newsletter. As a result of your comments we are arranging two social events for the autumn term, which were clear favourites. Our **quiz night will be held on Saturday 24th September** in the village hall. Philippa Olphin has kindly agreed to be our quiz mistress for the night, and refreshments and a licensed bar will be provided.

Teams of up to six members can enter but we are happy to put together teams as required. Please make a note of the date in your diary and come along and join us for what has always been an excellent evening of entertainment.

The other event that respondents were interested in was a cheese and wine festival, we are planning to arrange this for the end of November, more details to follow next term.

We will also be holding a **textile collection in the autumn term**, so enclosed with this newsletter is another textile collection bag, should you decide to have a clear out over the summer. Additional bags are available from the FPTA and we will advise you of the collection date on our return to school. The textile collections raise a significant income for the FPTA and also for our chosen charity, the East of England Air Ambulance.

**The FPTA annual general meeting will be held on Thursday 8th September at 3pm in the school hall.**

It is a short 15 minute meeting to elect the officers and members for the forthcoming academic year. Whether you intend to join the FPTA or not, please try to come along to the AGM. Our first committee meeting will be held at the school on **Wednesday 14th September 2011**. Simon Walker, Chair, and Danielle Dewe, committee member will sadly be leaving the FPTA at the end of this year and we would like to thank them for their contribution over the years.

*Finally, we wish you and your family a wonderful summer break and we look forward to greeting some new faces to the committee in the autumn term.*

Your support, however big or small is always appreciated. If you would like to join us on the FPTA or help with any of our events please speak to any of the committee for further details.

Simon Walker (chair), Karen Sutherland (vice-chair), Liz McLaughlin (secretary), Fiona Garnett (treasurer), Fiona Factor (parent governor), Angelina Nizzardi, Louise Pike, Kate Lowe, Sarah Lenton, Danielle Dewe and working closely with Liz Simpson of course.