



F R I E N D S

HELLO AND WELCOME Whether you're new to the school or have been here a while we wanted to say hello and introduce ourselves. We are a small but friendly group of parents who organise events at the school and raise money throughout the year.

We meet roughly once a half term – usually on a Sunday evening at the King's Head and would genuinely love to see new faces, if you think you might be interested in getting involved, please do drop in and join us. Dates and times of when we get together are always in the Friday Bulletin and on our Facebook page.

The idea of 'getting involved with the Friends' seems to fill people with dread! However, you needn't sign your life away – even a few hours here and there makes the world of difference.

Volunteering to help at a disco, running a stall at the Christmas fayre, donating things for the tombola, asking around for/donating raffle prizes are all contributions that we massively appreciate as it allows these things to keep running.

THANK YOU

Rachel Scott and **Kate Smallwood** (Co-Chairs)
Wayne Buckley (Treasurer)
Annabel Allison, Katie Jakeman, Katinka Tuma, Kathy Watchorn, Sarah Lambiase, Zoe Courtney (regular members)

Get in touch: The office will pass on any messages but you can also send us a message via our Facebook page or contact us by email at: Friendsofbawburghschool@gmail.com

FUNDRAISING

On average we raise around £2000 every year, to enhance our Children's school experience and to generally support the school – although many of the things we organise are as much about providing positive experiences for the children and building a sense of school community as they are about fundraising.

PAST EVENTS INCLUDE: -

Discos and Film Club	Ice Cream Sales
Christmas Cards	Colour Run
Easter Egg Raffle	Summer Fayre
Christmas Fayre	School Tea Towels
Quiz and Chips	

WHAT WE HAVE FUNDED IN THE PAST:-

- School sports kits for external sporting events
- Purple Mash online learning
- New Tea Urn for Clive
- Educational resources to support R.E
- Classroom furniture and rugs
- Resources for After School Club

'THE BAWBURGH BIG IDEAS BUS'

We are sure you have noticed that there is a great big double decker bus parked in the school's nature garden. This is still a work in progress but it is going to be amazing when it is done.

Last year the Friends applied for a grant from the Aviva Community Fund. After receiving thousands of votes (thank you everyone!) we were awarded £10,000 to purchase and convert a double decker bus into a new library and unique learning space.

There have been many challenges along the way – like filling in a 13m long pond, laying concrete, widening the track so that the bus would fit into its new home, and getting it towed into position to name but a few. You can follow the progress so far at <http://www.bawburgh.norfolk.sch.uk/category/news/bus-blog/>

We rely heavily on volunteers and we would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who has helped out so far. We regularly put messages out asking for help, if you would like to get involved, we would definitely love to meet you – enthusiasm and willingness to have a go are far more important than any specific skills (although they always come in useful too!)

