



Summer Newsletter 2015

We have had another busy year: with our FoW helpers and Westways staff we have managed to hold a number of successful events as well as supporting other charity occasions within school. This academic year we have raised over £6,000 to support your child's experience at school. Here are the highlights of the summer term:

Westways by the Sea Summer Fair was a huge success! Thank you to everyone who supported the event, whether that was through giving donations, helping on the day or simply coming to enjoy. We had perfect sunshine, great food, maypole dancing, a huge crowd and we hope everyone had lots of fun. We raised £2500.

On 12 June we ran our much loved discos for **Foundation, KS1 and KS2**. Foundation had their party in the afternoon; KS1 enjoyed an hour of lively dancing and their party bags, this was followed by KS2 who took part in the later disco. We hope all the children had fun and are looking forward to coming to another disco next year. We raised £1400 from these events as well as having a great time, which is brilliant.

How did we all benefit from the money raised?

FoW fundraising this year has allowed each class in the school a number of exciting educational trips to be subsidised, and paid for an author to conduct workshops across school. Playground equipment has been bought for each yard to support the new playground improvements, a set of cameras to set up a new photography club to mention just a few! The extra funds FoW raises with your help is an important contribution to the great experience each child deserves at Westways.

Get involved

All parents, carers, teaching and non-teaching staff are warmly invited to our **Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 16 September 2015 at 7.30 in Western Building**. During the AGM the new Committee will be elected; an overview of the activities of FoW during 2014-15 will be presented and the accounts will be made available. Also, we would like to take the opportunity to discuss activities for the new academic year. If you have ideas or suggestions for fundraising events; if you have views on how FoW should be run; if you would like to become more involved; please come along to the meeting. **Our AGM is informal and everybody is welcome. We always need and appreciate your support.**

We now invite nominations for Committee Officers. We are particularly looking for nominations for Treasurer as our long serving committee member is moving onto another school. There is also a vacancy for a Publicity Officer. Details of the roles can be found on the FOW page of the school website or email friendsofwestwayspta@gmail.com with any queries. The closing date for all nominations is **9 September**. Nominations should be left in an envelope in the school office with the name of a proposer and seconder for the attention of Friends of Westways.

Hope everyone has a fantastic summer break and see you all in September. We would like to thank Westways staff again for their commitment and enthusiasm. Goodbye and good luck to all Y6 children and parents moving onto KS3. An extra big thank you and goodbye to Jon Brice and Emma Knight who have worked incredibly hard for FoW. We will miss you.

For information about how to get involved, please visit the FoW Information page on our school website.

We really would love your support.

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