

Date: 24th November

Dear Parents and Carers,

Launch of 'Friends of Slade'



Over recent months, there has been a great deal of interest in starting a PTA (Parent Teacher Association). After much consideration, we have decided to launch a Friends Association instead. This will function in the same way as a PTA but allows other members of the local community to get involved too. This may include grandparents, other family members or local businesses.

The aims of 'Friends of Slade' will be to enhance the experiences of children at Slade and to work in collaboration with the local community. We will take responsibility for organising some special events and start fundraising for the school. As a parent at Slade Primary school, you will automatically become a member of 'Friends of Slade'. However, you will have the opportunity to become more involved if you wish by joining the committee or by helping to organise events.

What will happen next?

First, we need to organise a steering group to get the Friends Association started. We will then have an open meeting to get as many parents as possible involved. At this meeting, we will need to elect people to key roles including chair, treasurer, secretary and other committee members. Once the Friends Association is set up, we will have committee meetings each half term that will be open to all parents or friends of Slade. We will have additional smaller meetings to organise specific events. If you are unable to make meetings, you may just want to help at one of our fundraising events, or perhaps you could spare half an hour to set up or clear away. Whatever you can do is welcome - no offer of help is too small, and the motivation is that the children will benefit from whatever support you provide.

We want to gauge interest so it would be great if you could either fill in the slip below or come and speak to me in person. We are looking forward to an exciting first year and would love you to be involved!

Many thanks for your continued support,

Rebecca McAnulty
Deputy Headteacher

Child's Name: _____ Class: _____

Your name: _____ Contact number: _____

- I would like to be part of the steering group to set up Friends of Slade.
- I would be interested in becoming a committee member of Friends of Slade once it is set up and would be willing to attend the committee meetings.
- I would be willing to support Friends of Slade by offering to help with events in the future.

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