

Autumn Newsletter 2023

A very warm **welcome** to all the new and returning families to the school on behalf of the Friends of Coulsdon CofE!

We hope you all had a wonderful summer and are settling into the new term. It was great to see so many families at the first Friends fundraiser of the year at our Welcome BBQ on Saturday!

The Friends are busy planning ahead for our next few events to take place so keep an eye out for more information about our Family Fireworks evening, Christmas events and activities in our save the date flyers coming your way soon!

Who we are and what we do

The Friends is a friendly, active group of parent volunteers who organise lots of fundraising events throughout the year to bring our school community together. Events include the Family Fireworks evening, Football Tournament & Dance Stars event, children's Christmas discos, a parents and carers quiz night, the parents and carers summer party and our family BBQ.

The Friends has a committee of trustees who are responsible for the running of the charity and each class has two Friends parent/carer reps who will support the Committee with the coordination of events and let you know about upcoming events. Each year group is responsible for organising one event per school year, so please do get involved in your class event if you can.

We'd love to see as many families take part and enjoy the events and activities organised by the Friends, as possible, to make the most of our community, in person, while raising funds for the school.

We know that the cost of living has affected many, so if your child is unable to take part in an activity for financial reasons, please let us or the school know and we will see what we can do to help.

Looking forward to seeing you all at our events for 2023/24!

Zoë Whicheloe and Nicola Bulbeck
Co-Chairs, [The Friends Committee](#)

Get in touch

To find out more about the Friends please do get in touch or head over to our pages on the school website:

<https://www.coulsdoncofe.co.uk/friends/>

In 2022/23 - the Friends raised over £ 7,000 and funded:

- IT Server £ 3,600
- Teacher resources £1,600
- Books £2,770
- Maths Resources £538
- Digital camera and case £537
- £200 for each class for excursions and workshops
- A wellbeing workshop
- plus more!

Get involved!

Our events always need volunteers, so please do get involved to help make great events and fundraise for the children at our wonderful school