

Friends of Cleves Cross

Dear parents

We would like to start by thanking everyone who has supported 'Friends of Cleves Cross' over the past year. Your support has been tremendous. I am also delighted to say we have some new members to our group.

THANK YOU

Current members are; Jackie Whittaker (Chairperson), Joanne Wigley (Treasurer), Glenys Newby (Secretary), Mel Robson, Tracey Herron, Alison Hughes, Roxy McCue, Gayla Taylor, Joanne White, Elaine Stephenson, Becky Richards and Janine Goss.

Recent events

We would like to say a huge 'thank you' to everyone who supported our 'Psychic Night' held in the Hub at Ferryhill in March. The night raised a fantastic £806.57. The money raised will go towards a much needed perimeter fence for the School's partner school in Weligama, Sri Lanka.



Our bunny bingo night was a great success too. A lot of fun was had by all and almost £600 was raised (before deductions were taken off).

Upcoming Events

Bags2school

Our last bags2school collection was in December and it raised £100. It was suggested to the children, in an assembly, that this money could go to the Sri-Lankan fence fund. They all agreed that this was a good idea!



Our next collection is **Wednesday 18th June** so if you are due to have a clear out there is no time like the present! Bags will be sent out at a later date and filled bags can be brought back into school from Monday 16th June.

Gazebo/outdoor classroom



We are currently raising funds which will enable us to purchase a wooden gazebo/ shelter. This will be situated on the grass area close to the wooden stage that is currently there. This can be used by parents and children as a waiting area and a play and learning area.

Family Photo Day - Saturday 10th May

We have also arranged a fantastic family photo portrait day to be held at school on Saturday 10th May! Appointments start at 9.30am and continue into the afternoon. Each appointment will last 10 minutes and will cost just £5. Shutterbug Photography has kindly agreed to donate all the sitting fees to the School! So while you are getting an amazing deal on a professional family portrait, we will be raising funds for new equipment and resources for your children - a win, win situation!

If you would like to book a session please call in or ring the schools reception and reserve your time slot. Appointments are still available.

Anyone for Cricket?



The Friends of Cleves Cross are continuing their fund raising for both our school and our partner school in Welligama, Sri Lanka with a celebration cricket event involving teachers, pupils and parents on **Friday 23rd May**. This is being supported by local company **North East Stair Lifts** and is planned to coincide with the International Cricket match with Sri Lanka and England at Chester Le Street. Details are also included on this weeks newsletter.



Running alongside this, there will be a sports raffle with some fabulous prizes on offer. Tickets are available from the office and on the day itself.

These include:

- Complimentary family pass for a day at a domestic match at the Emirates Durham International Cricket Ground.
- A behind the scenes tour for 4 people at Middlesbrough's Riverside Stadium.
- A signed Great Britain top by Olympic long jumper Chris Tomlinson.
- Sign photo by Sunderland FC manager Gus Poyet.
- A signed autobiography by multi Paralympics gold medal winner Baroness Tanni Grey-Thompson.
- A signed goal keeper's glove by Middlesbrough's Jason Steel.
- A signed photo by racing car driver Nicolas Hamilton.
- A signed photo by England cricketer Kevin Pietersen.
- A signed photo by [British Paralympian](#) swimmer Ellie Simmonds.
- A signed photo by Olympic multi gold medallist swimmer Karen Pickering MBE



Cream teas

A cricket match just wouldn't be the same without cream teas available- so if you aren't feeling energetic enough to actually play cricket, just be a spectator and enjoy

the refreshments on the afternoon. It's all scheduled to begin at 1.30pm. Put it in your diary now! Donations of cakes and scones will be greatly received!

FEEDBACK

It is always good to receive new ideas for events/ activities for the 'Friends' to provide but it will help us greatly if you could also provide us with some feedback. If you could spare a little time to fill in the slip and return it to school labelled 'Friends of Cleves Cross' we would be most grateful. Please feel free to write down your own thoughts or ideas.

Activity	Liked	Disliked	Would like
FUNMATS			
CALENDARS			
BINGO			
PSYCHIC NIGHT			
MAGIC SHOW			
FASHION SHOW			
FILM NIGHT			
XMAS FAIR			

Comments / Suggestions

