

FROGS NEEDS YOUR HELP

FRIENDS OF GOOSEWELL SCHOOL

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Dear Goosewell families,

We need your help!

FROGS is at risk of closing because we do not have enough volunteers. Without FROGS our children will miss out on many of the fundamental activities we expect during their primary years. It is sad to see other schools in our area offering fantastic experiences and events that we cannot replicate. Sadly we recently had to cancel our planned Summer fete and discos.

Together we can change this! We are a school of over 400 and we are calling on parents, grandparents, carers etc to help. Please spend a minute or two reading through to find out how you can help.

You may not know this but the funds from FROGS contributes massively to Goosewell. We fund the lighting of the Christmas tree, subsidise school trips, provide the stock for the reading vending machine, organise discos and fetes to name but a few.

Sadly many of our children have never experienced any of these activities - mainly due to the knock on effects of covid and parents leaving as their children move on to secondary school.

WHY JOIN FROGS?

- Valuable fundraising for our school
- Support our local community
- A great opportunity to make new friends and start a new hobby!
- Support your career (leadership skills, team working, planning & working to a budget)
- Create memories for our children

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HOW CAN I HELP?

As much or little as you can! We know how valuable free time is when you have a busy family life so we have created roles to suit everyone. Whether you want an active planning role, be an event volunteer or just send us your thoughts we want to hear from you!

Committee

We need at least 8 committee members to keep running (4 of these are named roles). Without a full committee we will not meet our constitution and be able to continue.

We typically have 6 meetings per year (either in person or by zoom) and break off into sub groups for event planning. You can expect to have tasks delegated to you such as designing posters, helping at events, obtaining quotes etc.

Event support

We need a list of parents/grandparents/carers that we can call upon to support our activities - a 'turn up on the day' job designed not to take up too much of your time. When we have events such as discos/summers fetes we will call upon on our volunteers to help.

For some events you will require a DBS, there is no charge for this and it is organised by the school office.

I can't really commit, is there anything else I can do?

Yes!!

Sponsorship

Sponsorship is a fantastic way of helping us keep our planning costs low and allow profits to go back into our school.

If you are a business owner or work for an employer who could help get in touch! What great advertising for your business to sponsor something like the outdoor Christmas tree! In return we can offer an advertising package as a thank you.

Ideas

We would love to hear what activities etc you would like to see at Goosewell - not just for the children but something for the grown ups too?

We would also love to know what the children think, what are their friends at other schools up to?

Skills

Are you a whiz with a computer for poster design or have experience with similar organisations to offer us advice? We would love to hear from you.

WHAT CAN WE EXPECT FOR THE NEXT SCHOOL YEAR?

Providing we can continue we would love to organise:

- Pre loved uniform sales - a massive saving for us all!
- The lighting of our now 'famous' Christmas Tree
- Discos throughout the year
- Christmas gifts & raffle
- Continued funding of the reading vending machine
- Continue to offer funding towards school trips to keep the costs low for our families
- Refreshments at sports day
- How about inviting the circus to our school?
- Let's fundraise for some amazing charities with colour runs, fun runs or other crazy ideas you have - our children would love that!

I'M UP FOR THE CHALLENGE, WHAT DO I DO NEXT?

Firstly thank you! No matter what help you can offer we are grateful!

Our contact details are at the bottom of this page, please email or find us on Facebook and we will send you a welcome pack. Ideally before the end of term to help with planning. If you would like more info let us know and we can catch you in the playground or give you a call. We will be having a meeting in September to start planning our 22/23 year.

Finally a big thank you to everyone who continues to support, especially those who have kept FROGS going during a difficult couple of years. Thanks also to the school for your continued support.

We look forward to hearing from you!

The FROGS team

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**SUPPORT
THE SCHOOL**

The PTA is vital to the success of the school. Funds raised enrich your child's learning and make every student's experience better. Be part of the group that pays for the playground your child loves or funds the library that's their favourite place to be.

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**IT'S TOTALLY
FLEXIBLE**

Whether you're a full-time parent or working the nine to five, anyone can get involved. It's less commitment than you think, and you don't always have to attend meetings. Small jobs such as designing a poster, distributing letters or running a stall keep everything running smoothly.

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**MAKE LASTING
FRIENDSHIPS**

Meet and chat to a wider circle of families from different classes and year groups. Get to know other parents, and bond over exciting events, socials and get-togethers. Find a place to belong and spend time with others who share your values.

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**BE BETTER
CONNECTED**

Create closer links with the head, teachers and staff. If you're new to the school, the PTA is an excellent way to find out how things work and become part of the community. If not, you'll still gain greater insight by seeing how things work from both sides.

PTA⁺

The home of school fundraising

10 REASONS TO JOIN THE PTA

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**BECAUSE
IT'S FUN!**

Be part of the team which organises the best events and get-togethers. Debrief over a glass of wine (or two). Suggest your most hare-brained idea and watch as it catches on and everyone wants a piece of the action. Laugh. Cry. Be there for each other.

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**CHANGE
SCHOOL FOR
THE BETTER**

Have your say on important decisions. Work with the school and other parents to see where improvements can be made, and implement them. Directly influence the experience of your child and hundreds of others.

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**LEARN
NEW SKILLS**

Everyone has something they can bring to the PTA, but you can also learn new skills by trading with others. Always wanted to perfect that cookie recipe? Not sure how to design a poster? Want to hone your public speaking skills? You can do it with the support of the committee.

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**IMPROVE
YOUR CHILD'S
LEARNING**

Studies show that children whose parents are involved in their education do better in school. Engaging with the PTA shows your children's education is important to you. Play your part in improving the school and watch them

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**IT'S NOT JUST
FOR MUMS**

Everyone is welcome, and it's especially important to have dads and male carers represented, as male role models are crucial in children's upbringing. Dads can bring different skills; they can bring a different perspective, and they can bring along other dads.

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**CREATE
LASTING MEMORIES**

Our children are only at school for a few years, but they will remember the difference we make for a lifetime. They will cherish the activities and games we fund, learn using resources we buy, and remember the events we hold. Help keep the PTA going so future pupils can benefit too.