



# 'FRIENDS OF' LODGE LANE

Registered Charity number 1186022

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to our summer newsletter. We had a committee meeting recently and we are busy planning lots of fun things for the summer months which we know the children will enjoy.

Thank you for all your support for the events we ran during the past few months. We raised the following amounts from these events, after deducting costs incurred:

- Mothers Day Shop £192
- Easter Egg hunt & colouring competition £375
- Asda Cashpot for schools £220

We have supported the following purchases recently:

- Book corner books £152
- Maths books £80
- Art drying racks £336
  
- Ducks and Chicks £505

We are sure the children have told you that the eggs and incubators arrived last week and all the ducks and chicks have now hatched! The children have enjoyed holding them and watching them grow.

## SUMMARY OF DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

See below for the dates which are covered in this newsletter.

EVENT	DATE
Tombola Non-Uniform Day	Friday 13th June 2025
Father's Day Shop	Friday 6th June 2025 <b>(Scopay cut off Tuesday 3rd June 8am)</b>
Summer Fair	Friday 27th June 2025 5-8PM
Summer Parties and Parent Creche	Wednesday 2nd July - Year 2 4.30-5.30pm Thursday 3rd July 2025 - Reception 3.15-4.15 Year 1 - 4.30-5.30 <b>(Scopay cut off Tuesday 1st July 8am)</b>
End of term	Tuesday 22nd July 2025

## FUTURE OF FRIENDS OF LODGE LANE

Since our last newsletter we have had some people step forward to join the committee, one of whom has said that they will be willing to perform the treasurer role, which we are really grateful for. The committee will still be losing about 8 people at the end of July so we still need more people to join. A lot of the remaining committee work full time so they would benefit from a larger pool of people to be able to share the activities.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Father's Day Shop - Friday 6th June 2025

We will be running a shop for Father's Day (or a special person) on June 6th 2025 during school hours. Donations can be made via Scopay, we are asking for a £2 donation. Each class will take turns to come along to our shop and choose a gift, which they can then wrap and write a tag for. We have a few of our committee helping with this. In previous years this has been a lovely activity for children to enjoy and choose a gift themselves. We have some great gifts available. You can buy multiple gifts if you would like but, if you do, on the day it would be helpful to let your child know who they are buying for (e.g. Uncles, Grandparents etc).

**The closing date for Scopay payments is Tuesday 3rd June 2025 @ 8am.**

### Summer Fair - Friday 27th June 2025

We are now in full planning mode for our summer fair, which will take place take place on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2025 from 5pm - 8pm This is our biggest event of the year, which takes lots of planning and we need lots of help.

### ***Raffle***

If anyone would like to donate a prize for the raffle or has contacts with any businesses who may be able to help us, we would be really grateful. If you can help with this, please email us on [llisfriendsof@gmail.com](mailto:llisfriendsof@gmail.com)

Raffle tickets will be able to be purchased before the event and will come home in book bags after half term.

### ***Tombola non-uniform day - Friday 13th June 2025***

We are holding a non-uniform day on Friday 13th June. We are asking in return, if possible, for tombola prizes to be donated. We are holding an adult and child tombola, so toys, puzzles, crafts, gift sets, wine etc. This would all be greatly appreciated. Please hand these over to your class teacher on the day.... please remember though we are a nut free school, thank you.

### ***Cake donations***

We are asking for cake donations, on the morning of Friday 27th June. We would appreciate any home bakes, sweet and savoury to be donated for our cake stall. These will then be available at the fair for donations. **Please make sure these have ingredients listed, are nut free and are in a named container so we can return these to you afterwards.**

### ***Lucky bag envelopes***

We will be sending out envelopes for our lucky bags, if your child would like to decorate and fill these with a few small items and return to school we will then sell these at the summer fair. These can include sweets, small toys or anything you think a child would enjoy opening as a surprise. More details on this will follow when we send them out to you just after half term.

### ***Help on the day***

We will also be looking for volunteers to help us run some of the stalls on the evening of 27th June and also the set up during the afternoon and the tidy up after the event. We will use an online sign-up tool and post links to this on Facebook and WhatsApp chats. If you are able to help at the event, even if only for part of the evening and not the whole event, we would be really grateful. We cannot put events like this on with just the committees (wo)manpower.

### **Summer parties and parent creche - Wednesday 2nd July and Thursday 3rd July 2025**

These are being held after school on Wednesday 2nd and Thursday 3rd July. Each year group is separate, and the teachers help. The party will be music, party games, a snack and a drink. Just to reassure parents this won't be a really loud disco as we are aware not all children enjoy that. The times will be as follows....

***Wednesday 2nd July***    Year 2 - 4.30-5.30pm

***Thursday 3rd July***        Reception straight after school (no pick up needed) 3.15-4.15 pm (please bring best party outfits to school that morning)

Year 1 - 4.30-5.30 pm

The disco will cost £2 per child and this is payable via Scopay. **The scopay deadline for payment is Tuesday 1st July at 8am.**

If your child goes to Cheeky Monkeys after school, they will still be able to attend the party but please liaise with them regarding this.

### ***Parent creche***

We also have a parent creche alongside the parties with alcoholic and soft drinks. The cost of this is £3 entry, which includes your first drink, or £1 if you're only having a soft drink. This will also include nibbles. We will have a card machine available or you can pay with cash on the night. Additional drinks will be able to be purchased if desired.

### **Clothing Bank/Pre-Worn Uniform**

If anyone's child has outgrown their uniform and it's in a good used condition, please consider donating this to us for resale. We have a stock of uniform in the foyer near the school office with a suggested donation of 50p per item.

We also have a clothing bank in the school car park. Please donate any clothes, shoes, belts or handbags (or uniform which has seen better days, so can't be resold). These need to be in carrier bags and please no soiled items. We raise funds based on the weight of the items which are taken away periodically.

## Stay and Play

Every Wednesday during term time the committee runs the stay and play in the main hall from 8.35am - 10.00am. We have crafts, songs, tea, coffee and biscuits. The cost is £1.50 per family.

## PROJECTS WE ARE SUPPORTING

### Playground equipment

The school would like equipment for the main field for the children to enjoy at playtime and lunchtime, which they would like us to fund. This is in the process of being ordered and will hopefully be in school in the coming weeks.

### Other areas

We support the children in other ways throughout the year as well, with books from Santa and providing refreshments for the last day before Christmas. We subsidise each child on their school trips and provide funds to enable the chicks, ducks and butterflies to be in the school in the summer term.

## WAYS TO SUPPORT US

### **Match Funding**

Do you work for a company which offers matched funding? Some companies offer donations to charities where their employees help to raise money. For example, if you worked for one of these companies and volunteered at one of our events, we may be able to claim additional monies from your employer to match the amount you helped to raise. This is how we gained £1,000 from Aviva this year.

### **Volunteering Days**

Some companies also offer a volunteering day or hours for their employees to enable them to give their time to charitable causes. If this is something your employer offers and you would like to help us then please let us know.

### **Other Ways**

A reminder of the other ways which you can help support our fundraising efforts.



We have the clothing recycling bin in the car park and also the ink cartridge bin in school. We get commission for amounts recycled.



Support our fundraising events whenever you can... buying raffle tickets, ice-creams, donating prizes etc



A weekly lottery where you can earn the school money and be in a chance of winning prizes yourself



Use the PTA code NR67HL when making purchases at stampastic and we get commission



Visit the easy fundraising website or app before making purchases online to see if the retailer offers any % donations



Our larger events usually require more help than the committee alone can give so we ask for some of your time



Buy pre-loved school uniform from the boxes in the school reception (& donate any good quality items you no longer need)



## Your School Lottery

The below gives some more information about the school lottery and how you can support it. This is a weekly draw and as well as the main national prize one of our supporters wins a smaller amount each week.



## USEFUL LINKS

- <https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/lodge-lane-infant-school>
- <https://www.facebook.com/Friends-of-Lodge-Lane-Infant-School>
- For other online shopping check out easy fundraising, you can raise money for your school without even having to put your hand in your pocket.  
<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/lodgelaneinfants/donation/>
- We have a partnership with Stamptastic whereby any sales via the link below generates money for the school PTA <https://stamptastic.co.uk/> 'PTA' code is the NR67HL

## And finally.....

Thank you to all parents, families and carers who support the Friends of Lodge Lane; we have a great community around Old Catton. As a committee we work hard to organise all the activities and we work with the school so that the fundraising benefits all of the children.

We are also working with the teachers to arrange putting money towards some learning opportunities for the children.

We currently have 21 active members on our committee as well as Mrs Dewing.

A big thank you to all the members for their ideas and hard work.