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Growing & Learning Together through Faith, Friends & Fun

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IMPORTANT – PLEASE READ!

Hello

For those of you who don't know me I'm Kerry Nash, a mum of 3 (Harry in year 4 and Sadie in year 1) and a step mum of 2.

As I'm sure you're aware the current Friends of Ysgol Y Llan committee are standing down after two years of extremely successful fundraising but unfortunately despite having two meetings there have been no volunteers to take over.

At the last "emergency" meeting on Friday there were 10 persons present apart from Mr Griffiths - of those there were only two new faces - all of the others are currently or have previously been on the committee.

I have therefore found myself, along with Bethan Hall (Freya's mum) in the position of agreeing to go back on the committee to prevent it from being disbanded completely. It is a registered charity and therefore in order to maintain this status we need a minimum of 3 persons to be named on the committee. In addition to this however we do need helpers to assist in putting on the events for the children.

I know we are all short of time - Bethan and I both work full time - however the sole aim of the Friends is to provide a better experience for all of our children whether this is through organised events, subsidising school trips or purchasing items outright to assist the school.

Last year's committee organised a number of school discos, the Christmas fair and the summer fair - all of which were extremely well attended. They also provided gifts from Santa, organised the Mother's Day and Father's Day secret shop as well as the leavers' yearbooks. They raised over £3000.00 which has directly benefited all of our children through the purchase of more iPads and iPad covers this year for use in the foundation phase classes along with donations to each class for resources. Key Stage two have also requested laptops for their classrooms and these will hopefully be delivered soon.

Although Bethan and I are prepared to take this on, both of us have been on the committee before and we cannot commit to fundraising on the same scale without any help and as such there won't be a Christmas fair this year - the other events will be decided as the time approaches.

I know that people are concerned that this is a huge time commitment however the more of us there are the less each of us has to do. We can't do this without any help and therefore I'm appealing to ALL the parents and grandparents to please consider if you could help out - even if it's not on a regular basis but a firm commitment to help at the organised events. There are 77 families at Ysgol Y Llan - just a commitment from each family to help at one or two events would mean they could still happen and we would all get to enjoy them. I'm sure most of our children will be devastated to learn that there won't be any discos, secret shops or a Christmas fair this year - I know mine will.

Also an appeal to all the dads out there - the committee is 100% female and it would be nice to have some male perspective. We don't bite - and we do have biscuits so please come along.

If you want to know more or are willing to help out please drop either of us or the school office an email or a text - it would be greatly appreciated and may make the difference between us being able to continue or having to disband.

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The only other option at the moment is to disband the committee and lose our charity status but this would obviously impact greatly on the children as they would be the ones who would miss out directly. Even if a request was made to each of the families to donate directly to replace these funds it would still mean them missing out on the social aspects of these events. I'm hopeful however that we will hear from a few new volunteers and this won't have to happen.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Kerry Nash
On behalf of the Friends of Ysgol y Llan