



The Friends of Ilsington School

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The Friends of Ilsington School - April Newsletter

Dear Parent, Carers, and Guardians,

Thank you so much to everyone who came to the Easter Fayre last week and to everyone who contributed either by making cakes, helping with setting-up or the tidying away, being on one of the stalls, or by providing donations. **Together we raised over £300 for Friends.** This money will be used to fund new resources for the school. We also raised **over £100 for Ukraine Save the Children**, which is amazing.

Friends Events coming up:

- Art Competition based on the theme 'Nature' – **Over the Easter Holidays**
- The Inflatable Fun Run on the **Saturday 23rd April**. If you would like to sponsor those running, please see the JustGiving details below.
- After-school Fun Run & BBQ together with Blackpool, St Catherine's and Bovey school – **Friday 13th May**
- The Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations, marking 70 years of service. Friends are joining in with the village celebrations on **Sunday 5th June**.
- Summer Flower Show Fun Zone – **Saturday 16th July**

During March, Friends applied for and were awarded a £200 grant from the Council to improve the onsite outdoor learning facilities. These funds have already helped to develop a new sensory garden area. Friends also helped to fund some new **music resources for the Year 3/4 play** and provide funds towards **the Year 3/4 Viking Trip**.

If you are able to, don't forget you can sign up to Easy Fundraising and Amazon Smile (smile.amazon.co.uk). **Easy Fundraising** is where over 6000 shops and sites will donate to Friends for FREE every time you use #easyfundraising to shop with them.

If you would like to donate any **pre-loved uniform** to Friends to be resold in the future, please get in touch with friendsofilsington@gmail.com.

Wishing you all a great Easter holiday!

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Card Art Competition

Theme: Nature

From 7th April – 2nd May

Over the Easter holidays, Friends are offering the children an opportunity to take part in **an Art Competition** to design a card based around the theme **‘Nature’**. This is an optional competition, but it would be great to get as many children as possible taking part.

Each **winning card** will be printed and **available to buy** from the Ilsington Village Shop. The proceeds of the card sales will raise money to support the children at school. Winners for **each year group** will be chosen by the village shop (2nd May).

All you need to do to enter is **create a card design** on the attached card template, then **pop it in the envelope** making sure to write **your name and year group** on the front. Please leave the envelope in Reception **by Wednesday 27th April**.

As the designs will be printed, **please do not stick anything onto the card**. Felt tips, crayons, and paint are all great to use.

The benefits for young people engaging with the countryside have never been more important and art is an inspiring media for many children, with numerous known emotional, physical, cognitive, and learning benefits. Combining art and nature together will allow children to engage in both aspects outside of the classroom.

Ideas for the children’s artwork:

- Think about things they enjoy and see in nature. Where is their favourite place to go in nature?
- Think about the location, in the park, woods, beach or looking through a window
- Think about the time of year? Winter, Spring, Summer, Autumn
- Think about the different types of weather - snow, rainbows, sunshine
- Draw the wildlife (insects, animals, birds), flowers, and trees they see.
- Make it colourful and vibrant

We really hope your child(ren) will be excited to **join in this Art Competition** and we look forward to receiving your wonderful artworks.

If you have any questions please email: **friendsofilsington@gmail.com**. Thank you for your ongoing support.

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Friends 5K Inflatable Obstacle Run on Saturday 23rd April 2022

Friends have set up a JustGiving page for anyone who would like to sponsor those who are running the 5km Inflatable Obstacle Run on the 23rd April 2022.

<https://www.ukrunningevents.co.uk/events/inflatable-5k/inflatable-5k-obstacle-run-exeter-devon-23rd-april-2022>

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/friendsofilsington>

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