



Who are the Friends of Whitefield (FoW)?

The FoW are Whitefield's PTFA (Parents, Teachers and Friends Association).

What do we do?

We run events for the children at Whitefield that provide a great sense of community, but also raise money for the school that directly benefits the children.

What sort of events do you run?

Throughout each year we have a huge Summer Fair, discos, big screen cinema afternoons, family bingo and Secret Santa (which I promise usually runs a lot smoother than it did last year, thanks Covid!). We also have other events dotted around, but these are our big regular events!

What do you fund?

Over the past two years it has been difficult to fund our usual events as things simply haven't happened due to covid. However, we paid for the Christmas parties in school in December, leavers hoodies for all year 6s and a leavers party (which was postponed until September last time). When we have a regular schedule of events we are also able to fund a Reception class party for all new starters and put money towards bigger projects that school are doing, for example we helped to fund the outdoor learning area, a new sound system in the hall and gave some money toward new library books.

Who can join us?

We are all volunteers who want to enhance school life for the children who attend Whitefield. You can be a parent, guardian, grandparent, auntie, uncle, family friend – Everyone is welcome!

What commitment will be needed if I join?

You can offer as little or as much as you like. You could offer one time support and man a stall at the Summer Fair for an hour and a half, or at the opposite end of the scale you could come to every meeting and offer help at every event! There is a role for everyone within FoW and we would love to have you join us in whatever capacity you can manage! We do have meetings every couple of months which we keep very casual, usually an evening in a pub, where we make all our plans and fill the diary, but we also have plenty of ways to access the FoW online should you not be able to make the meetings.

How do I sign up?

The amazing news is that as soon as you have a child at Whitefield, you are a member of the FoW, WELCOME! You can turn up at any of our meetings, find me on the playground (rainbow hair, you can't miss me!) or message me on 07545 245242 if you would like any more information or to get involved!

Finally - Why do you want me to help?

We need all the help we can get to keep the FoW up and running after our covid-hiatus. The more people who can offer their time or skills, the better our events can be for your children, and the more we can invest back into them. Every person is vital. Please! Thanks.