



Friend's Association Newsletter | 29th January 2024

Panto at Lady Joanna School

Every year, the Friends Association gives the children a gift. Last year, we organised a school disco and this year, we organised M&M Theatrical Productions to come to school and perform a pantomime show for the children and staff at the school.

We'd like to say a big thank you to M&M Theatrical Productions for putting on an excellent production of 'Aladdin'. They did two performances, one in the morning for Early Years and KS1 and an afternoon performance for KS2.

Elsbeth Dunn said *'If the cacophony of laughter was anything to go by, it was a huge success!'*

Mrs Foster kindly wrote to us and said *'Thank you so much on behalf of all the children (and staff!) for organising the pantomime for all the children – they absolutely LOVED it! Some children said they have never been to a pantomime like that before, so you have created a wonderful experience for many...'*

We are so pleased that everyone enjoyed the show and we are excited to share that the Panto will be back in school next year with Robin Hood!



I loved it!
Tom Year 6

It was fab!
Henry Year 4



Henry & Emma loved it
– they found it
hilarious!

Liz C, parent



Tesco Stronger Starts

The Friends Association applied for a grant from the Tesco Stronger Starts campaign to support OPAL Outdoor Play and Learning at the school. We are delighted to announce that this has been approved and is now live in Tesco (Crooksfoot, Ashford).

OPAL offers children the opportunity to use their intrinsic sense of awe and wonder, to immerse themselves in the wonders of nature and experience the magic of the outdoors.

So next time you are in Tesco, please do grab the blue tokens when you check out and support OPAL at the school!



The Pupil's Kitchen

Last term, the new Pupil's kitchen opened and thanks to the generosity of parents, carers and friends of the school who bought supplies for the kitchen, the School were able to launch an after school Cookery club.

Year 2 had the chance of joining the Cooking club last term and it is Year 3's turn this term. The cooking club teaches the children to make a variety of different dishes and valuable skills including cutting, chopping and weighing ingredients and at the end of the course, each child receives a certificate of achievement.

There are a few more items required in the kitchen. If you think you could help please check the instructions are below:

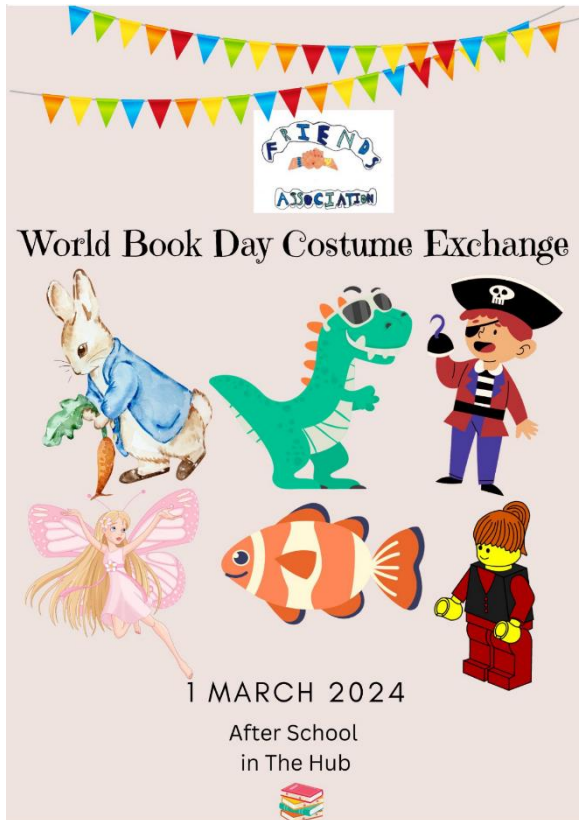
Click on the link below, then simply, click 'reserve' on the item that you want to buy. You can buy it from the shop or retailer of your choice and either have it delivered straight to the school or drop it off in the reception at school.

www.things-to-get-me.com/friendsofladyjkitchenbits

School Address:

**Lady Joanna Thornhill Endowed Primary School,
Bridge Street, Wye, Kent, TN25 5EA**





World Book Day Costume Exchange

Join us for a World Book Day Costume Exchange on Friday 1st March!

Drop off small costumes at the hub during morning drop off and buy pre-loved costumes during afternoon pick up. Ready for World Book Day on Thursday 7th March.

No need to drop off a costume to buy a preloved one!

Let's share the magic of stories!

50 50 Club

Enter before 20th February to be in with a chance of winning in the March draw!

The 50/50 club is a monthly prize draw run by the Friend's Association where 50% of cash generated makes up the monthly prizes and 50% goes towards resources for the children and the school.

Membership is open to all parents, carers, staff and friends of the school. Anyone aged 18 and over can join.

If you would like to join in, please sign up using this link:

<https://forms.gle/1CaJaNNCVT4729tV7>

Where can I find more information and T&Cs?

Please follow the link provided for further detail and full terms and conditions.

We hope as many people as possible will sign up to this initiative. The funds raised through the Friend's Association are vital in supporting the school deliver the best possible learning and experience to the children. And as ever, thank you for your ongoing support!

Spring Term Friends Association Meeting

The Spring Term Friends Association meeting took place last week. Thank you to all those that attended the call.

A copy of the minutes of the meeting can be found at www.ladyj.kent.sch.uk/minutes



Dates for the Diary

- **Friday 2 February: Year 4 Cake Sale**
- **Friday 1st March: World Book Day Costume Exchange**
- **Thursday 7th March: World Book Day**
- **Friday 8th March: Pick a Present for Mothers & Caregivers**

Year 6 Cake Sale: Postponed – new date to be confirmed soon



Your Class Representatives

Year R Bumblebee: Cath H

Year R Butterfly: TBC

Year 1 Hedgehog: Melissa N, Emma H

Year 1 Fox: Steph S, Elspeth D

Year 2 Rabbit: Bex H, Ali W

Year 2 Squirrel: Sarah J-H, Sam W

Year 3 Blackbird: Hannah M, Angelina T

Year 3 Chaffinch: Penny W, Katie C

Year 4 Kingfisher: Rachel S, Luci P

Year 4 Parrot: Lydia C, Sarah S, Amanda M

Year 5 Puffin: Emma D, Becky C

Year 5 Swift: Robyn DC, Jessica P, Sophie F

Year 6 Woodpecker: Johanna M

Year 6 Wagtail: Elizabeth C, Lu Y

