



NEWS FROM FOGWA: Friends of Great Walstead Association

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Dear Parents,

Would you like to support Fogwa, but are too busy to join the committee?
Then please consider joining the NEW Fogwa Support Team!



My name is Katie Flamman. I have Patrick in Year 5 and Lily in Year 3 and I am going to be heading up Fogwa in September. Don't worry, I'm not writing to ask you to join the committee (**although that would be FANTASTIC!**) But I *am* after your help...

I realise that most parents are massively busy. (I am one of them). However, I also know that many would like to support Fogwa but don't want the hassle of joining the committee. I expect you feel you can't spare enough time to make it worthwhile signing up.

So - here's my idea. I am setting up a "Fogwa Support Team" - a list of parents who can commit to doing just a little bit to help, occasionally, on their own terms.

We need lots of people who can lend a hand, helping to set up (or work on) **JUST ONE EVENT A YEAR** or who can perhaps **HELP FROM HOME IN THE EVENING**, by making phone calls, designing posters / tickets, doing risk assessments, emailing stallholders, making decorations, shopping for tuck sweets online, etc etc. I want to tap into your strengths and give you the chance to help in whatever way you can, without being on the committee itself and without worrying that you're not doing enough or are letting people down.



For example, you might not be able to help with a daytime event like the Christmas Bazaar or Summer Party...

...but maybe you could spare the time at an evening event like Bonfire Night or the Shopping Evening?



Or vice versa? Or perhaps you'd prefer to help with the preparations from home?

Whatever suits you – it's a great way to meet new friends (or a good reason to get together with the friends you've already got!) and of course it's all for a good cause. Fogwa events raise money to buy amazing icing-on-the-cake extras like the school's woods trailer, 3D printer, high-tech sewing machine, sports kit, tree-house and of course the new Challenge Course (*coming soon*).

I'm holding two meetings to discuss the events for next year, and to see who fancies doing what. Everyone is welcome. We'll be in the **Dining Room on Friday 24th June at 8.45am AND Tuesday 28th at 7.30pm.**

Please let me know if you're interested or have any questions. Email fogwa@greatwalstead.co.uk, find me on Facebook or pounce on me at school. Thanks very much for taking the time to read this.

Have a great weekend.

Best wishes, Katie