



GORSEMOOR SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

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Dear Parents

Welcome to Gorsemoor School and its Association

The purpose of this letter is to explain to you our role within the school community, our aims and, above all, to invite you to join us as an active committee member, a willing helper at social and fundraising events or simply as a participant in events.

The Association operates on two levels –

1. As a provider of social activities for parents, teachers, friends and children.
2. As a fundraising organisation which aims to provide those items which the Local Education Authority's allowance does not stretch to.

Every year we have an on-going commitment to raise money for:

- Christmas presents for each child in Key Stage 1.
- Christmas chocolate for each child in Key Stage 2.
- Prizes, squash, paper plates and cups for Christmas parties.
- School badges, by collecting donations from non-uniform days.
- Year 6 leaver dictionaries.
- Books for the school library. 25% of all money raised (unless otherwise indicated) is put into a separate fund.

At the social level, the Association regularly organises termly discos for children. We also provide refreshments at school events. These activities are not specifically designed to be profit making, and any profits accrued pass into our donations to the school.

At the fundraising level, we run events throughout the year, including the Summer and Christmas Fayres and the Grand Christmas or Summer Draw. In recent years we have invited Thornton's into school to help the children decorate chocolate eggs. Unfortunately this is no longer possible as Thorntons have said that they are now unable to go into schools to offer this service. We recently held a family/children's bingo which was enjoyed by all and we hope to hold another one soon. We also sell new and used school uniform including book bags, kit bags and backpacks.

The Library is still one of our priorities for donations, with 25% of profits set aside for library use unless the event is to raise funds specifically for another purpose, such as a charity donation.

Listed below are some of the past and present items donated –

PA System	Bikes & Playdoh (Nursery)
Digital Cameras (KS1 use)	Outdoor Play Equipment
Learning Resource Area Equipment	Wet Playtime Games
Football Strip & 5-a-side Goalposts & Nets	Star of the Week Badges
Clothing Rails (for productions)	Hall PE Mirrors (50% of Cost)
Computer Room Equipment	Digital Camcorder
Painting overalls & brushes	Children's Digital Cameras
Outdoor wooden pavilion with seating (suitable for a whole class use)	Nurture Garden Water Feature
Wooden Cosy Cottage (Reception)	Whole school class book corner books
Storage Boxes for Production Costumes	£1,200 for Nursery Indoor & Outdoor Play Equipment
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Shed for Gardening Club	*Magnetic easels for classroom use
*50% cost towards house point collector	*Prams & Pushchairs (Nursery)
*Young Voices coach hire donation	

***Most recent purchases.**

Gorsemoor School has grown fast in response to the development in the area, and with it, demands on us to provide “the extras” for the children. This, together with current financial restrictions, means that we need all the help we can get.

We publish regular newsletters to parents detailing forthcoming events. We would welcome any comments concerning the events we organise or if you have any ideas on events we could organise. We always welcome new ideas.

If you are able to offer help in any way, either as a Committee Member or a willing pair of hands at events, please pop into school for an informal chat with Mrs Colwell.

Yours sincerely

THE COMMITTEE