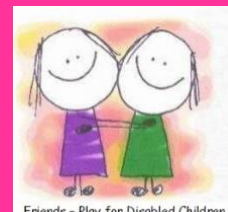


FRIENDS NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to the Friends - Play for Disabled Children's autumn newsletter!

What a hectic summer we have had! Despite some awful weather, I think we did well on the days that we had day trips out. Apart from the Simply Cycling events we haven't had to cancel any events due to the weather which is remarkable!

I think most of our families agree the summer has been a great success and we have been to some great venues and tried some new places out too.

Christmas plans are already well in the making and plenty of events will be posted in the coming weeks so keep your eyes peeled as well as the ones posted so far. It's going to be a very busy and exciting festive period.

Hard to believe our next newsletter will now be next year!! So, may we be the first to wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Paula, Mel and Emma x

FUNDRAISING REMINDER

Please use these sites when you are doing your shopping. We can collect free donations for us every time you buy something online. It won't cost you a penny extra so please help us to raise funds.

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friends>

<https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1167995-0>

<https://paypal.com/gb/fundraiser/charity/3233591>

EVENT ROUNDUP

Each Monday and Thursday during the holidays we had day trips out to various locations. Over the six-week holiday we managed to get to;

- Alton Towers
- Blackpool Zoo
- Acorn Farm
- Cheshire Ice Cream Farm
- Gulliver's World
- Eureka!
- Chester Zoo
- Knowlsey Safari Park



Archery & Canoeing 20th July

FUNDING NEWS

Thanks to funding grants we have now have been awarded money to run the following events again.

Fun & Floats	Roller Disco
Commando Run	Ice Skating
Simply Cycling	Choir
Velocity Inflatables	Princess parties
Velocity Trampoline	Archery
Science workshops	Eureka!
Reptiles	Lego discovery & sea life
Warrington Play	Pizza Parties

Keep your eyes peeled for dates of these events coming up.

The fire station visits have now finished but we had a great twelve weeks visiting the station and each of the working crew.

Cook and Taste have been running sessions all summer which many families have attended and made some delicious meals to eat.

We managed to squeeze in two fairy forest trips to Lumb Brook Valley and a theatre show as well!

September has seen us more outdoors visiting the Monkey Forest and the Crocky Trails.

The Friends Choir has also started back up again on Tuesday evenings.

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Thank You to;

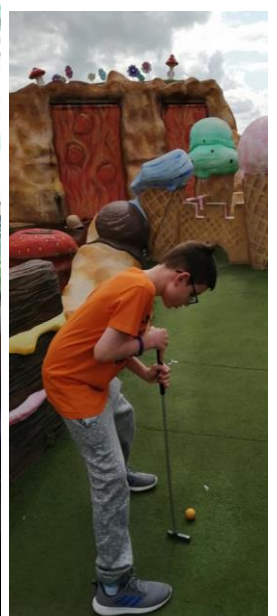
- The football match we did back in the summer managed to raise £640 so well done to all those who took part.
- Thank you to Gary Crickson and Forge Fitness for running their regular Saturday morning fitness boxing group for donations to the group. They have donated £940
- HSBC fund matching £1000
- Big Thank You to Leslee Hatton Basaga for nominating us to The Ascot Crew to receive a donation from their annual trip to Ascot races. They raise funds to distribute amongst local charities that don't have overheads. We were lucky enough to receive £300 this year from them. Thank You Paula, Emma, Tracey and Chris ran a Tombola at Newton Cricket Club where we successfully managed to raise £68
- Big Thank You also to Lois Squires & her dad Chris Lynch for putting us forward to U3A Ukulele Bank St Helens to receive a donation. Another £300 in the pot.
- The Hensbury Residents choose a charity they would like to support and this year have chosen Friends and have given us a very kind donation of £100
- Many thanks to those who use Amazon Smile and PayPal Giving. We have just received £15.24



Knowsley Safari Park 29th August

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

25-Oct Halloween Disco
26-Oct Sleeping Beauty Panto
31-Oct Fairy Forest Halloween Special
09-Nov The Snowman
22-Nov Chester Zoo Lantern Magic
30-Nov Santa Train
01-Dec Farmer Teds Christmas Special
08-Dec Elf the Musical
14-Dec The Grinch
15-Dec Sing-along Santa
21-Dec Fairy Forest Christmas Special
22-Dec Knowlsey Safari Enchanted
27-Dec Jack and the Beanstalk Panto



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