



Playground  
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## Christmas Shopping Evening Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November in school - 7:00-9:30pm

Our next big event is the Christmas Shopping Evening - there will be a fabulous range of products such as Unusual Jewellery, Jamie at Home, Books, Cards, Toys, Glassware, Tableware, Cupcakes, Handbags and lots of festive goodies. Do come along, bring your friends and enjoy. Entry is free!

We will be running a refreshments stall and a wine tombola during the evening, and would be grateful for donations of both wine and cakes. Kindly bring in cake contributions on the day. Donations of wine can be bought into school from now - Many thanks!

## Firework Display

A really big thank you to everyone who helped make our Firework Display such a great evening - it was enjoyed by young and old alike and more than £3000 was raised for the playground fund which is fantastic. It was the first FRS fireworks display for a few years and we are looking forward to another one next year.



We would like special thanks to go to those below as without their support, in the form of sponsorship and / or help, we would not have been able to hold this event:-

- A&B Hire • Mr & Mrs Adams • AJ Kidd Mechanical Engineering • All Metal Services •
- Avoncross Ltd t/a Cannon Piling • BBC Essex, Steve Cherelle • Black Bull Events • CC Wood Plant Hire •
- Clever Cloggs Children's Entertainer • D & M Brownlee Ltd - Brownlee Motors •
- Danbury Plaster Mouldings Ltd • DIY Woodham • Eichsfeld Engineering • Ellis Amusements •
- EMS Bodyworks Ltd • Firework Crazy • Hayes Builders • Hayes Leisure Park •
- Ivanhurst Vehicle Examiners • Krunchy Karrot • R Lee - Gas Engineer • Little Brittany • Marlow Reclaims •
- Meadow Croft Garden Centre • Menu Printers • Mobile Thrones • Old Woodham Road Farm Shop •
- TCS Limited • Rettendon Bell Pub • Rosehill Hatchery • S Forster Electrical • Skee-Text Ltd •
- SNJ Hobdell t/a Jack Stocks inc Essex Fencing • South Woodham Focus •
- Temme English Estate Agents • Mr & Mrs Theobald • Tomorrow World Recycling •
- Trade Price Cars • Travis Perkins • Wacky Jackei Face Painting •

## Future Events

### Christmas Shopping Evening

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### Children's End of Term Party

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December - 3:30pm  
(Entertainment by Skittleman)

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**Next FRS Meeting - Thurs 5<sup>th</sup> Dec**  
7:30pm - in school - all welcome!

## Rag Bag Scheme

If you are having a clear out at any time, please keep any old clothes, shoes, handbags and toys to put in the rag bag.

## Christmas Raffle

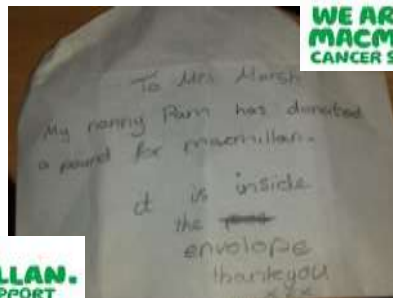
By now you will all have received raffle ticket books for our Christmas Raffle. There are some great prizes (1<sup>st</sup> £100, 2<sup>nd</sup> Luxury Hamper, 3<sup>rd</sup> Jumbo Christmas Cupcake - there will be 4<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> prizes too, so please sell whatever you can. Kindly return any unsold tickets so they can be sold elsewhere. Prizes will be drawn in school on 16<sup>th</sup> December.

## Magic Show

The Southend Sorcerer's Society kept many of our families entertained in September when we held our first Magic Show in the Village Hall. We had a great turnout and raised in excess of £300, so many thanks to all who joined in a very enjoyable family night!

## Macmillan Coffee Morning

A big thank you to everyone who helped make our first ever Macmillan Coffee Morning held on 20<sup>th</sup> September such a great event. It was a huge success and a staggering £471.70 was raised for a really worthy cause. We had a great selection of wonderful cakes and it was lovely to see parents, new and old, coming in for a chat. We are definitely looking forward to having this as a regular fixture on the fundraising calendar.



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## Thank you!

To an ex-school pupil, now age 91 for the very generous donation to the Playground Fund made earlier this week.  
&  
to Brighter Sines for their £400 donation following the Hayes Farm Fun Day.

**A little piece of history.....**One of our members received the following email from a parent regarding his time in the FRS. He also attended the firework display and judged the "Guy Competition".

*Dear Cassie*

*It was great talking to you and learning about the continued success of the FRS. You may be interested to know that I was the founder chairman of the FRS when our boys, Simon and Timothy were pupils at the school in 1974. When we set it up the then headmaster gave us a year. You've proved him wrong. We also had fireworks displays on the Bell Field, and we used to hold summer holiday riverside picnics on land owned by Roland Smith, who still lives in Rettendon. We of course did the usual fetes and discos which helped to keep the pool going. Françoise, my wife, used to run an after hours French club with equipment provided by the FRS. Keep going for another 40 years.*

*All the best, Bob Davis*

## Fundraising via online shopping:

You can help by using the following websites where a % of each sale is donated to the FRS:- Arts and crafts - [www.yellowmoon.org.uk](http://www.yellowmoon.org.uk) - quote SRE 1037

Clothes labels - [www.easy2name.com](http://www.easy2name.com) - quote Rettendon

Online shopping - [www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk)

The above can all be accessed via the school website - [www.rettendon.essex.sch.uk](http://www.rettendon.essex.sch.uk)

Also please check into your company's policies on 'match funding' - lots of larger companies will match fund any funds raised by a parent (and this does not have to be by sitting in a bath of beans), it can often be as simple as helping out on a stall or where a parent is willing to make a regular monthly commitment themselves. These easy to obtain company donations can assist greatly in charitable fund raising.

The Friends of Rettendon Primary School is a core and active part of our school community. All parents and teachers are automatically members and our success in supporting our school is dependent on all those that can help in any way, shape or form, so please think about anything you could offer - time, contacts, knowledge, supplies, ideas or just support and enthusiasm - you don't have to commit long term! We are currently raising funds for a new play area / equipment in the playground for our children and are grateful for all contributions.