



## Friends of Blisworth School

The Friends of Blisworth School is a charity run by parents and staff from Blisworth Community Primary School.

We run a wide variety of events, for the children, their parents and the village community. Our two biggest events are a Summer and a Christmas Fete which are both vibrant events that involve the whole village, usually with several hundred people coming along. In September 2017 we invited the Circus to Blisworth for the first time, which brought together over 500 people from the school and local area to enjoy a great evening of family fun. In addition to this we hold regular Bingo evenings as well as other social events.

There are also a variety of events organised to enrich the school experience of the children, including discos, film nights as well as 'Pop Up' shops for Mother's Day, Father's Day and Christmas. For the second time this June we will be hosting a sale of 'Joules' Seconds Clothing, which attracts people from quite a wide area due to the renowned good value and bargains available (take a look on our Facebook page [www.facebook.com/BlisworthPTA](http://www.facebook.com/BlisworthPTA) for more details).

The children at the school are a mixture of village residents and those living in the surrounding areas, therefore we hope that the events help to give all the children a sense of belonging in Blisworth.

Every year we raise in the region of £10000, all of which is used to benefit the children at the school. Over the past twelve months, we funded the purchase and installation of two touch screens for rooms in the upstairs part of the school. The funds have also paid for external organisations, such as the Life Education van to visit the school to run activities for the children.

Each year, FOBS makes significant contribution towards the crossing patrol, and also pays for a Athletics subscription for every pupil, as well as funding smaller items such as the Year 6 leavers' gifts and hoodies, the Christmas party day presents and the Mother's Day plants.

Last September saw the completion of a pirate ship in the playground, which replaced the extremely old train. It is an amazing piece of equipment that the children will get many years of fun from.

We advertise events throughout the village and in the village newsletter, and we are very keen to work with local people and businesses where possible. We often have stallholders at our fetes who are from the village and close surroundings and have been fortunate to receive donated raffle prizes from local businesses as well.

If anybody would like to find out more about FOBS, what we do or how they can get involved with us (you don't have to have a child at the school to join FOBS), please contact Nicola Richards or Katherine Taylor via the school or email us at [blisworthpta@gmail.com](mailto:blisworthpta@gmail.com). We'd be delighted to hear from you!



"Dragonheart" - completed in September 2017