

Friends of Caslon

10 reasons why we need your help!

Friends of Caslon depends on a continual cycle of parent involvement. As children reach their final year and leave, so do their parents. The teachers, drive team and head teacher support us, but without all your support, we have no Friends of Caslon – WE REALLY DO NEED YOUR SUPPORT.

The Friends of Caslon is a mixture of parents and teachers that work together for the benefit of Caslon Primary School. Some are full-time parents, some work part-time or work full-time. NONE of us are specialists in fundraising.

Taking an active role with Friends of Caslon is critical to your children's success, so here are 10 reasons to get involved.....

1. You are vital to the success of the school

- Schools are becoming more and more dependent on their PTAs and Friends Associations for funds.
- Without the funds raised by Friends of Caslon, your child would not get the benefits of: new sports equipment, extra classroom resources, social events like fairs, discos and coffee mornings.

2. It's TOTALLY flexible!

- There are a variety of small ways you can help and be involved – from designing a poster, helping at different events, cleaning up after an event, helping out on a stall...so many ways.
- Giving up just 30 minutes of your time to help us is invaluable. If everyone could spare 30 minutes a term to help, just think what we could achieve!
- You don't have to attend meetings – you can use our contact details to send in ideas for discussion – but the meetings are fun and we usually have goodies share!

3. You'll feel more connected

- There's no better way to know what events are being planned, have your say or make new fundraising suggestions, than by offering your help and support.
- You'll get to know teachers and support staff on a more familiar basis.

4. You'll be part of a great network

- Every event is an opportunity to meet other parents in the same situation as you.
- You will be part of a like-minded network of people who all share a common goal of improving the school for all our children.

5. Make a difference

- By volunteering to help Friends of Caslon, you'll be able to use whatever skills you have for a good cause.

- We strive to establish a supportive and encouraging community for the entire school.

6. We're not just for mums!

- It's important to our school and our pupils to have dads represented on our committee and to help reach out to other dads.
- Are you a dad with a skill that would come in useful?

7. Be a role model

- By getting involved with Friends of Caslon, you'll show your children that not only are they important to you, but their education is as well.
- Your children will see you playing an active part in making their education more varied.
- Getting involved illustrates good teamwork and community spirit.

8. What we do affects every parent (and pupil)

- Your voice matters – Friends of Caslon is made up of people elected to represent you, so help us to do this effectively.
- See the smiles on their faces and know that you have played a part in making school a little more comfortable and fun!

9. It's fun!

- Help plan fun events, socials and get-togethers
- Suggest NEW fun ways to raise funds
- Get your whole family involved!

10. Finally...

Our children are only at school for a relatively short time. Friends of Caslon events such as fetes, discos and fairs will be remembered fondly by our children for a lifetime. The equipment and resources we help to fund make learning even more engaging. Help us continue to create lasting memories for our children.

If you are interested in helping in any way please email friendsofcaslon@caslon.dudley.sch.uk, leave your details via Kate Burns in the office or with a committee member in the playground.

Thank you for reading

Friends of Caslon Committee