

SPRING TERM ISSUE. JANUARY 2020

Welcome to FOBS news! Once a term, this newsletter will keep you informed of what we're doing to raise funds, how you can get involved and how the school are spending FOBS money to directly benefit & enhance our children's learning.

A massive thank you!

The Christmas Bazaar raised a staggering **£4,829.61** for the school. A huge well done to all involved, whether you purchased, donated, volunteered, we really couldn't do it without you. We'll share details of what your donations fund as the year progresses.



What did FOBS fund last term?

Brand new high quality maths resources in every class in school to help children grasp mathematical processes & deepen understanding.

New equipment for Year R to use in their fantastic new outdoor space including trikes, scooters, foam bricks and number moulds. Plus two new iPads loaded with observation software (to replace obsolete devices) allowing staff to report observations with ease.

Class Christmas Presents: items suggested by the teachers which Father Christmas delivered on the last day of term. These included outdoor educational playtime resources and board games for wet play to name just some.

Christmas crackers and cartons of juice (a rare treat!) for the School Christmas Dinner to make the event *extra* special!

HELP! Junior discos need event owners!



We are seeking 2-4 parents to co-ordinate running the Junior discos.

For the Spring disco the existing parent organisers would plan the event alongside the new team with

the view to them taking over in the summer term. Thanks to the YR and Infant parents who've already volunteered! If you'd like to get involved, please email us:

fobs@friendsofbinfieldschool.co.uk

So far this academic year over £5,000 raised!

Second-hand uniform sale	£167
Christmas jumper sale	£56
Christmas shopping trip	£46.16
Christmas Bazaar Includes:	£4,829.61
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christmas puddings: £293.86 • Xmas cards, gift wrap & tags: £365.60 • Dragons Den: £363.94 	
TOTAL AMOUNT	£5,098.77

Events coming up!

School Discos - Friday 28 February



A night the children always look forward to with excitement! In response to parent feedback, we are trialling the YR, infant & junior discos all being on the same night: 28th Feb. Book your tickets via:

www.pta-events.co.uk/fobs

Quiz Night - Saturday 7 March, 7.15pm for 8pm start



Get competitive, it's the FOBS quiz night 2020! With a licensed bar and snacks available, come along with friends for a fun evening. Get your team of 6-8 people together now!

Pamper & Prosecco Night - Saturday 2 May



Pop along with friends and family. Enjoy some relaxing time, browse stalls, have a treatment and enjoy a glass of bubbly!

→ More details coming soon

(via sQuid mail & Facebook Year Groups!)



Mark your calendar! In response to survey feedback, we're organising a wider variety of events:

January	February	March	May	Summer Term
31st FOBS Coffee Morning (Foxes Den, 9am)	7th Second hand uniform sale (Playground, 3.15pm) 28th FOBS Coffee Morning (Foxes Den, 9am) 28th School discos (various times)	7th Quiz night (School hall, 7.15pm) 11th FOBS meeting (School hall, 8pm) 27th FOBS Coffee Morning (Foxes Den, 9am)	1st BOLE tidy up (9am) 2nd Pamper & Prosecco night 12th FOBS meeting (School hall, 8pm) 17th Binfield 10k Not organised by FOBS but we get a grant from the 10k, so please support if you can by running or marshaling.	5th June Infant disco (time tbc) 12th June Junior disco (time tbc) 26th June Second hand uniform sale (Playground, 3.15pm) 27th June Summer fete Date tbc Little Princess Trust sponsored haircut 16th July FOBS AGM (School hall, 8pm)

FOBS coffee morning

After the success of the first coffee morning last term, FOBS will be holding the next one on **Friday 31 January at the Foxes Den, 9am**. Why not come along and find out who FOBS are and how you can be involved in this term's events.

Do you have a fundraising idea?



Do you have a new fundraising idea? If so, we'd love to hear from you! FOBS will be more than happy to support you.

Two mums with ideas last term were... Hannah (Y2 parent) who came up with Binfield's first ever Christmas Jumper sale and raised a fabulous £56! Tania (Y1 parent) sold her Reindeer Relish at the Bazaar and made almost £100 for the school. Fantastic!

To get in touch with new ideas or anything else, email fobs@friendsofbinfieldschool.co.uk or pop along to a FOBS meeting or coffee morning.



Need more items of uniform?

Did you know... we have good quality second hand uniform for sale at *any* time of the year?

- Make a uniform request at: www.pta-events.co.uk/fobs
- Add a "second hand uniform request" to your basket, click on checkout and complete the form. We will then check stock and be in touch.

Alternatively, the next uniform sale will be on **Friday 7 February at 3.15pm** in the school playground.

Donate uniform any time...

If you have clean uniform in good condition that you no longer require, please **place it in the labelled basket outside the office** and we will include it in the next uniform sale (please note, we can't accept blouses or shirts).

Keep growing your hair!



We are organising a charity haircut (in the summer term) for the Little Princess Trust who make real hair wigs for children with hair loss.

Long hair in good condition can be donated. The Trust can accept ponytails from 17cm long but encourage you to keep growing until at least 30cm or longer. We will ask that the children are sponsored with the money raised shared between FOBS & Little Princess Trust.

So, if your child would like to take part, please avoid any haircuts until the event!

More info coming soon...

Parents we need you!

We'd really love to see more of you at FOBS meetings. Did you know that at meetings we not only discuss fundraising but also review proposals and vote on what the school want to spend FOBS money on! If you'd like to have your say, please come along, we'd love to see you. The **next meeting** is on **Wednesday 11 March at 8pm** in the school hall.

Your core committee:

Stacey Omokaro – Chair (Yr 4 and 6 parent)
Jackie Rawes – Vice Chair (Yr 3 and 5 parent)
Hayley Hammond – Secretary (Yr 2 parent)
Claire Turner – Treasurer (Yr 2 and 4 parent)

Thank you so much to all parents who give up their time in support of FOBS.

Buy tickets for FOBS events, volunteer, donate, buy second-hand uniform: www.pta-events.co.uk/fobs

For any questions, ideas or feedback, email: fobs@friendsofbinfieldschool.co.uk