

Welcome Back to School!

FODS NEWSLETTER - SEPTEMBER 2020

A very warm welcome back to school for all our returning children, and a big hello to all our new starters in year R!

We have a new FODS committee this year, so we wanted to say hello - as well as updating you all on how the 2019 funds were used, what we hope to achieve in the next year, and (most importantly) how you can help us to reach those targets!

How were Funds Spent Last Year?

Last year we were delighted to donate the following to the school:

- £11,000 to put towards 30 iPads
- An adventure playground
- A Christmas pantomime
- Leavers gifts for Yr 6 children
- Book bags and biscuits for Yr R children



We are able to do this by organising a range of fundraising events throughout the year - including school fairs, book sales, raffles, quiz nights, and other family events.

What are the PTA Goals for 2020/21?

We have set ourselves a target of $\underline{\pounds12,000}$ this year, which would help the school to fund new audiovisual equipment for the main hall. This will benefit both the children and parents for assemblies, as well as school productions. Any additional funds raised will be put towards the air conditioning fund or invested in ICT to move the rest of the school away from laptops towards iPads.



How Can I Help?



Join the Committee

A few of our committee members have older children at the school and will be leaving us before long. Without a committee, the PTA would not be able to continue.

This will not take up masses of your time - we meet a few times a year and communicate via WhatsApp.



Donate your Time

You could help to sell raffle tickets, set up for events, run a stall, paint props, or come to a meeting to help us plan the next event. Do you have a professional skill that could help us out?

Every little helps. You don't even have to come into the school - many of our tasks can be done at home.



Attend our Events

Okay, so we are all busy and maybe you just don't have the time to help out with the PTA. We totally understand. There are still ways in which you can help.

Come to our events - buy raffle tickets - support our fundraising efforts simply by taking part and having fun!

Your PTA Committee

Chair - Sarah Elworthy	Vice Chair - Sarah Brett	Treasurer - Simon Roberts
Vice Treasurer - Claire Caplan	Catering Mgr - Neve Smith	
Committee Members - Leigh McCahon, Tina Ivanov, Sarah Mason, Gill Catt, Elizabeth Ward Lewis, Noelia Serantes McCormack & Becky Murrock		

If you would like more information about getting involved with the PTA, or have any questions about anything in this newsletter or upcoming events - please get in touch: <u>discovery.fods@gmail.com</u>.

Kind regards,

Sarah Elworthy PTA Chair

