

# NEWS

FOMSA



## Friends of Mendlesham School Association

Dear Parents/Carers,  
Happy New Year! We hope you all enjoyed the Christmas break and are ready for the Spring term. This term we are trialling a new format for our termly newsletter. We hope you enjoy it. We have also set up a Facebook and Instagram page for FOMSA - please see below for how to find these.

Spring Issue: January 2025

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2025**

School Disco 5:00pm – 6:15pm

Sign up using Arbor.

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2025**

Break a Rule Day - £1 donation.

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2025**

Easter Treasure Hunt

**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2025**

Bags to School

### Can you help?

Do you have unused/unopened food and drink left over from Christmas or any unwanted gifts that you would like to find a good home for? FOMSA are looking for donations for upcoming events and any items would be greatly received. Please give any donations to the school office. Thank you in advance.

### School Disco

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February - 5:00 pm to 6:30pm**

£2 per child.

Snack and tattoo included.

Please use the Arbor system for payment and for permission for this.

Closing date: Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February.

The Christmas Market was a fantastic way to end last term.

The winners were:

- What's in the stocking - Abi in year 5. The items in the stockings were a toothbrush, a plug, a ball, a fork, a piece of Lego, a pencil, a candy cane and a pair of glasses.
- Guess the name of the panda: Isabella in year 5. The name was Cinnamon.
- Marble game - Adult winner = Ms Churchill 125 marbles  
Child winner = Charlie 106 marbles.
- Pin the nose on Rudolph - Maggie, Ethel and Emily were the closest.
- Snowman target game - Sophie.

We ended the term with the annual visit from Father Christmas. He visited each classroom and all of the children received a book from him. Thank you, Father Christmas.

### Thank You's

Thank you to:

- Mendlesham Fish and Chip Shop and Jump Warehouse in Diss for donating vouchers for us to use for the Christmas raffle.
- Everyone who sold and bought raffle tickets.
- Everyone that helped and/or came to the Christmas market.
- Everyone that baked/made refreshments for us.

We really appreciate your support.

**Please note that the school disco is not on the last Friday before half term this time, but is a week earlier instead.**

### Break a Rule Day

This will be held on **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February**.

The School Council will again decide the theme and then the school will let us all know.

Come to school breaking the rule in exchange for a suggested donation of £1.



## Easter Treasure Hunt

FOMSA will be running our annual Easter Treasure Hunt in the Millennium Woods.

**Date: Good Friday, Friday 18<sup>th</sup> April**

**Time: 9:30 to 1:00.**

Location: The event starts and ends from the main school hall. Please collect your entry forms from here. Come and solve the trail and enjoy Easter goodies for entering. Refreshments will also be available along with other Easter activities.



## FUNDRAISING UPDATE

### Autumn Term Fundraising

Bags 2 School - £60

Easy Fundraising - Awaiting next payment

Ink Cartridge Recycling - Box sent off

Break a Rule Day - Hamper donations

School Disco -£113.44

Christmas Cards - £153.67

Asda Cash Pot for Schools - Awaiting payment

Toblerone Sales - £161

Donations for Refreshments -£48.35

The Christmas Market - £364.05

The Christmas Raffle - £700.20

**A fantastic profit of £1600.71 was raised.**

**Please note each event often has expenditure to enable it to happen.**

**We are showing profit made.**

## Bags to school

Bags will be sent home before Easter or please use bin bags. An email will be sent with more details for what can be included in your bags.

**Collection day Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> May.** Leave your bags near to the main hall doors. Thank you.



Have you signed up yet?

Register at [www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk)

Choose your cause: **Friends of Mendlesham School Association.**

Each time you want to shop at one of their partner retailers just click to the retailer website through the link on the easy fundraising website (or download the reminder widget to your desktop and be reminded each time you go to a partner retailer website).

It is a simple way to raise money for the school without it costing anything other than what you are buying.

### Items Purchased by FOMSA

Books from Father Christmas

Money saved towards the playground project.

Christmas crackers.

### Ink Cartridges

We raise money from recycling used ink cartridges. Please put any empty cartridges through the school post box in a sealed bag labelled ink cartridge recycling.

## Our Current Committee

Chairperson: Danielle Fletcher - Charlotte in year 3

Secretary: Alison Millin - Fern in year 4

Treasurer: Emma Cook - Theo in year 1

Ordinary Members:

Lucy Draper-Lewis - Toby in year 1

Rob Cook - Theo in year 1

Emma Buck - Logan in year 2

Sam Wilkins - Alexa in year 3

The committee thanks everyone for your ongoing support.



Instagram: fomsamendlesham



Facebook: FOMSA - Friends of Mendlesham School Association



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