



25th January 2019

FOMSA Spring Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year! We hope you all enjoyed the Christmas Break and are ready for Spring Term.

The Autumn term was a busy and successful one for FOMSA.

The children enjoyed having mad hairstyles for break a rule day. We've had many winners enjoying Friday bake raffle treats. We started our book swap box and have had a great response with many books donated to get things going. We held our Autumn school disco which again was a big hit with almost all the children attending. Everyone had a great time and it was lovely to see the Willow class children enjoying their first disco. Thank you to the members of staff that stayed late at school to enable this event to take place.

Thank you to everyone that attended our *AGM*. We were very pleased to welcome Heidi Barnard who wanted to join the Committee, as well as 4 new helpers joining our helper list.

Thank you to everyone who ordered Christmas cards, mugs, coasters and placemats. These continue to be popular fundraisers and it was great to see the children's designs and drawings. The placemats are still on show on our board in the foyer of the Community hall. It is great to see how the children's drawings are developing as we started these when the year 5 children were in Willow class.

Thank you to everyone that came along to the Christmas market this year. There was a real buzz in the hall and we tried out some new stalls as well as some favourites from last year. £297.54 profit was raised for the school. Thank you to all the children for their efforts making things to be sold and for helping to run the stalls.

Well done to the following winners:

Marble game - Sydney and Mr Skinner

Number game - Jed and Mr Somner

What's in the Stocking - Elsa

Fundraising for the Autumn term from The Friday Bake Raffles, Easy Fundraising, Village Tote wins, Break a Rule Day, School Disco, Refreshments at the Firework Display, Christmas Cards, Bags to School, Placemats, the Christmas Market and Raffle and Refreshments at the Christmas Concerts raised a fantastic total of £1243.16 This is one of our best totals to date for the Autumn term.

As a result of our fundraising we helped Father Christmas by purchasing his Christmas books for the children. We also funded £350 to pay for the special visitors that started off STEM week. The School Council choose and have ordered about £200 worth of equipment that can be used on the playground at break times such as skipping ropes and balls. A playhouse is on order for the outside area of Willow Class and we are awaiting the friendship bench for the main playground and a mud kitchen for Willow class. We are very pleased to be able to support the school's requests and thank everybody that has supported us and made this possible.

This term we are hoping to organise the following events and activities:

Friday Bake Raffle and Book Swap Box

This will continue this term. Every fortnight on the Friday we will be selling tickets before school to win a baked treat like a cake/batch of biscuits. The winning ticket will then be drawn and the treat for that draw sent home that night. We will again be creating a rota for making the baked treats so if you're a keen baker and would like to take a turn, or can help one week to sell the tickets for us, please let Anna Dawson know. The book swap box will also be available so children are welcome to swap a book from home for one from the box.

School Disco

Mrs Sait and FOMSA would like to run another school disco for the children this term. This will be on **Friday 15th February from 5pm to 6.30pm**. More details to follow in a letter.

Break a Rule Day:

This term this will be held on **Friday 15th February**. The School Council will again decide the theme which will soon be announced. Come to school breaking the rule in exchange for a suggested donation of £1.

Share Assembly

Tea, coffee and Squash will be available before the assembly on **Friday 8th March**.

Good Friday Easter Event

FOMSA will be running the Easter Treasure Hunt in the Millennium Woods this year.

The event will be on the morning of **Good Friday, Friday 19th April** from 9:30 - 12:00 and starts from the Stackyard Nursery opposite the main entrance to the woods. Come and solve the trail and enjoy Easter goodies for entering. Refreshments will also be available. More details nearer the time.

Bags to School

We will again be sending out bags and asking for donations of unwanted clothing. Bags will be sent out during the week before the Easter holidays. The collection day for bags will be **Friday 26th April**. More information about arrangements for this will follow.

Donations: Can you help?

Do you have excess 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. We will leave a box near the school office for any donations. Thank you in advance.

If you have any ideas or anything you would like us to consider please get in contact. Committee member names are on our Noticeboard and the school Website.

Many thanks in advance for your continued support, The FOMSA Committee.