

## FOMSA Summer Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy Summer Term! We hope you all enjoyed the Easter Break. As a quick recap of last term: The School Disco was again very popular with almost all pupils attending. The children enjoyed popcorn, drinks and glow sticks and had a great time. A big thank you to Rachel Brown and the Percival family for helping us with the sound system and lights and thank you to the School Staff that stayed to enable this event to take place.

The Easter Treasure Hunt was our biggest one yet with 54 families completing the hunt. 95 adults and 110 children took part. Everyone had to find Easter related pictures and anagrams hidden in the village woods. Every child that entered received a prize and all correct entries then went into a draw for 3 prize hampers. Refreshments were on sale, we had a 'Guess the name of the bunny' stall and children were able to decorate hard boiled eggs with some excellent creations made.

### Our Winners

1<sup>st</sup> prize



2<sup>nd</sup> prize



3<sup>rd</sup> prize



Guess the name of the bunny



We raised an incredible £546.88 for school funds.

We would like to thank; Penny and Faye, Community Champions at Stowmarket and Diss Tesco's; The Community Council; Baylham Rare Breeds Farm, Stowmarket Leisure Centre and The Suffolk Owl Sanctuary at Stonham Barns, all for donating items that we used for prizes.

We would also like to thank everyone that made refreshments and all those who helped on the day. Finally, we would like to thank The Parish Council for giving us permission to use the Woodland and to Karon and Simon Sanders for letting us use the Stackyard Nursery to host the event.

The Fortnightly Bake Raffle has continued to be well supported. Thank you to everyone that has been part of our rota to either bake or sell tickets, your help is really appreciated. Thank you also to everyone that has bought tickets, we hope all the winners have enjoyed their tasty treats!!! If you would like to help and be part of the Summer Term rota please return speak to Anna Dawson.

Fundraising from the Spring term raised a total of **£909.02** through the following events:

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| School Disco = £150.00       | Break a Rule Day (Wear red and dance every hour) = £64.80 |
| Easy Fundraising = £33.14    | Printer cartridge recycling = £32                         |
| Friday Bake Raffles = £82.20 | Easter Treasure Hunt = £546.88                            |

Money raised by FOMSA has meant that we were able to fund the Story teller for Creative week. We have just funded a football goal so that the children now have two to use at lunch times.

We are starting to liaise with Mrs Sait, Mr Singleton and the Year 6 children to create their leaving gift and we will be funding the leavers party again after the success of both of these for the last three years.

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

### **Bags to School**

This happened last Friday. Thank you to everyone that had had a sort out during the Easter holidays and filled bags for us. We raised £72 to start the summer terms fundraising.

### **Easy Fundraising**

Have you signed up yet? If you shop online you can now raise money every time you buy something. Over 3,100 well-known retailers, including **Amazon, John Lewis, eBay, Aviva** and **Tesco Direct** will donate a small percentage of what you spend to us to say thank you for shopping with them. All you have to do is register at [www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk) and when you're asked to choose your cause type in **Friends of Mendlesham School Association**. Then 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 straight 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**.

### **May Day Stall**

On **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May** it is the village street fayre. FOMSA will have a stall running our "Number Game" and a 'Pirate Lucky Dip'. Please come and have a go. Are you able to spare an hour? If you are able to help us on the stall then please let a Committee member or the School Office know.

### **Break a Rule Day**

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May**. We will be asking the School Council for this terms theme. More details to follow. Rather than a £1 donation we are asking for donations for tombola and raffle prizes. A box of chocs, tin of ... unwanted gifts, smellies, any items will be gratefully received. There will be boxes in the hall ready for your kind donations.

### **Frozen Fridays**

On Friday's after half term, we will be selling ice lollies at the end of the school day. A treat to start the weekend as you walk home or enjoy it at the playing field. More information to follow.

### **Raffle and Refreshments at the Year 5 and 6 Performance**

We will be providing tea/coffee before the performance on **Tuesday 23rd July**. There will also be a raffle.

### **Summer Fair**

Following the success of last year's fair, we are holding another this year. Please come along and support us and enjoy a lovely afternoon. Last years' water fight area was a big favourite! More information and a date to follow.

If you have any ideas or anything you would like us to consider please get in contact. Committee member names are on the FOMSA noticeboard in the entrance to the Community Hall and on our page on the school website. Many thanks in advance for your continued support, The FOMSA Committee.