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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 pudding first for break a rule day. We've had many winners enjoying Friday bake raffle treats. 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 Michelle Crisp who wanted to join the Committee, as well as a new helper 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 will hopefully still be on show near the school office. It is great to see how the children's drawings are developing as we started these when the year 6 children were in Willow class.

The Christmas market was a lovely event to end the year. There was a real buzz in the hall and we tried out some new stalls as well as some favourites from last year. £281.75 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. Also, a big thank you to the parents that made refreshments for us we are very grateful for your support and for the creativity.

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 made a fantastic profit of £1,245.66.

As a result of our fundraising we helped Father Christmas by purchasing his Christmas books for the children and are ready to fund more things for the Spring and Summer terms. In our Autumn newsletter we told you that we had given each class £200 to spend on items for their classrooms. The following things were purchased.

Willow class: A new rug and some puzzles

Elm class: Lots of new phonics and maths resources and games

Hazel class: Wet play games and maths resources

Oak class: New reading books and guided reading sets

Chestnut class: New reading books and some art pencils and good quality fine paint brushes

We hope the children will enjoy all of these new resources.

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 14th 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 14th 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.

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 10th 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 **Thursday 23rd April**. More information about arrangements for this will follow and more bags are available from the School Office.

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.