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FOMSA End of Year Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope this newsletter finds you well. Again, it is a very different end of year newsletter that we write. Sadly, we have missed out on some of the big FOMSA events that we usually would have done such as the Easter Treasure Hunt and the Summer Fayre, but on a positive note we have still been able to do some of our end of term projects and have continued to help fund some items to support the children, staff and school.

Well another school year is almost over. Some parents will be wondering where their child's first year has gone and others thinking the same of their child's time at primary school as they get ready to move on. But to everyone, we would like to thank you for your support.

Before the Pandemic FOMSA had had a great start to fundraising and events.

Fundraising and events this school year have included:

Break a Rule Day x 2	Refreshments at the Village Firework Display
Christmas card orders	Bags to School x 1
Placemat Orders	Christmas Market
School Disco x 2	Raffle and Refreshments/Christmas Performances
Fortnightly Friday Bake Raffles	Easy Fundraising
Ink Cartridge Recycling	Bottle bank/paper bank recycling donation
Easter Hamper Raffle	

Due to missed events our fundraising efforts will be lower than previous years, however, we have still been able to raise £2,268.89 for the school.

We are also really pleased to have supported many projects for the school this year which will have benefitted the children in some way now and in the future. Some of these you already know about but some have been arranged this term.

Things we have supported funding include:

- * £300 to help resource the forest school project.
- * Funding the special activities that took place for all of the children during STEM week.
- * A moveable whiteboard that can be used throughout the school.
- * Children's Christmas gift
- * Each class had £200 to spend on items for their classrooms.

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

* With the sad closure of preschool, FOMSA purchased a wide selection of items from Preschool that could then be used by school. We felt that everyone would like to see the children of the village school benefit from these items as well as those children affected by the closure who would eventually be moving from preschool to school, especially when many of these items may have been funded by the help of parents when their children went there as well as the village community. We know these items have been well used and enjoyed already.

* Year 6 leavers gift: a leavers book for each child filled with photographs and memories of their time at the school.

* A Pizza treat for Year 6 instead of the usual buffet that we provide for their leavers party.

* New sets of class reading books, providing each child with a copy ready for their destination reader sessions in September when they return to school.

* New calculators to allow each child to have use of one when they return in September.

We would like to take this opportunity to say goodbye and good luck to all the Year 6 children. We wish them all the very best for High School.

As a final thank you, thank you once again to everyone that has been involved with FOMSA this year either being part of the Committee, as well as parents, carers, family members, friends, school staff, Governors and members of the Community that have supported FOMSA projects or events in any way this year. We hope you enjoyed all of the projects that we were able to do this school year. We had lots of fun whilst raising money for the school. We would also like to say a big thank you to all the children for getting involved and joining in. We hope you had fun and will continue to enjoy the items we have funded when you return in September.

As always, we value people's views and ideas so if you have any ideas or anything you would like us to consider for next year or if you would like to be more involved with FOMSA, then please get in contact with us. Our details are on our page on the school website which is part of the parent information section.

Although it will be different, we hope you have an enjoyable summer. Stay safe and well and we will see you in September!!!

Best wishes, the FOMSA Committee.

A bit of Summer Homework: Easy Fundraising

A huge thank you to those people that have signed up to this. It is a simple way to raise money for the school **without it costing anything to you other than what you are purchasing**. The donations we receive from the registered companies are a good way for us to still raise money whilst we are limited in the other things we can currently do.

All you have to do is register at 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). You will be helping the school whilst doing your shopping.