



1st October 2021

FOMSA Autumn Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to a new school year and to all the new children and parents that have joined us this September. Also, we say hello and welcome to Mr Santy. We hope you all are settling in well.

We can certainly say that we have been through some strange and difficult times. During all of this FOMSA have continued to fundraise for the school. We have continued some of our old favourites and adapted other events to make some things still happen and we are very grateful for all the parents, carers, staff and wider community's continued support. As ever we cannot be fully sure what will happen in the months ahead but we will try to continue our events and fund raisers this term and we will of course keep you updated if anything has to change.

At present, parents will not be able to see our noticeboard in the foyer of the community hall but we will continue to communicate with parents and carers via our termly newsletters and also on the FOMSA page of the school website which can be found under the parent information drop down section. We will also ask Mr Santy and Mrs Cracknell to add things to the school newsletter and will also use the schools text messaging and email service. Please look out for updates as the school year progresses. New parents to the school should have already received our welcome letter.

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

Garage/Yard Sale

This has just taken place. Thank you to everyone that booked a stall we hope you were able to make some money and thank you to those who walked round we hope you found some bargains! We raised £160.

Fortnightly Bake Raffle

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 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, then please speak to Anna Dawson. (Gil and Nancy's mum). The school office will send texts to let you know when each raffle is happening but the first one will be on **Friday 1st October**.

Bags to School

The collection date for this is **Monday 11th October**.

You should have had a flyer about what can be included along with bags from the school. Bin bags can also be accepted if you have more items. So, if you have any clothes etc to donate, please bring your filled bags to school at Monday morning drop off on the 11th October. Please leave bags at the front of the school between the doors to the Community Centre entrance and the kitchen area. FOMSA members will also be there to show you where to put them.



Break a Rule Day

With Mrs Sait's and Mr Santy's agreement, we would like the children to 'Break a Rule' to have fun whilst helping FOMSA. **Friday 23rd October** is the first Break a Rule Day and the School Council have chosen the theme for this which is **different hair** with all normal uniform to be worn as usual. Instead of a £1 donation this time we are asking for donations of items to help with future FOMSA events. A separate letter/email will follow with all of the details for this.

Christmas Cards

Look out later this term for your child's artistically designed and completely unique Christmas card design. The designs will be completed at school. Once the designs are finalised by the card company the proof will be sent home for you to see along with order details. You are under no obligation to purchase them but all profits will go towards FOMSA's fundraising.

Halloween

FOMSA will again be creating a Halloween trail around the village that can be completed at any point during half term. Entry forms will be available for the cost of £5. All correct entries will be entered into a draw to win one of three prize cauldrons. More details about entry forms and arrangements for the trail will follow in a separate letter.

Class Placemats

Children will be creating their class placemats again. These show drawings produced by each child together with all the other children from their class. The price will be held at £1 per placemat and orders will be taken towards the end of term. These make lovely keepsakes as your child moves through the school.

Christmas Raffle

We will again be organising a big Christmas raffle this year. Everyone who purchases tickets will have the chance to win themed prize hampers. The hampers will be created from the kind donations received from Break a Rule Day along with other items we have. After half term we will be sending home books of tickets to sell. A letter with more information will follow. We really hope everyone will support this as our major fundraiser for this term.

School Disco and Christmas market

We are not sure if we are able to do these events again as yet. More details to follow once we have discussed these events with school.

Ink Cartridges

Did you know that 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.

Easy Fundraising



Have you signed up yet? So far, we have raised £294.27 from this. If you shop online, you can raise money every time you buy something. All you have to do is register at www.easyfundraising.org.uk and when asked to choose your cause type in **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**.

Lastly: Our AGM

We are going to hold our AGM in the school on **Monday 1st November at 7:30pm** for no longer than an hour. Please come along for tea/coffee and cake and show your support for FOMSA. We always welcome new faces that would like to join our group of willing volunteers either as a committee member or to be part of our helpers list. **Please know that if you come along, you will not be pressured into any commitment but this is your chance to find out more, have your say and share ideas about things you might like to see happen in the future. We look forward to seeing you there.**

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