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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 the Spring term.

The Autumn term was a busy and successful one for FOMSA. The new, garage sale event and Bags to School started us off for the term and we were then able to hold most of our events except for the disco and Christmas market.

The children enjoyed having 'Crazy Hair' for Break a Rule-day. Thank you for the fabulous themed donations, these were used to start making the hampers for our Christmas raffle.

Thank you to everyone that attended our AGM. We were very sad that our Treasurer Laura Keller stood down - she has been incredible in this role for us during the past 5 years and we will certainly miss her. We also thanked Selina Cannings for her time on the Committee. We were very pleased to welcome Sadie Hammond who joined the Committee and we also had some new helpers join our helper list.

Our Halloween trail again proved to be very popular. It was brilliant to see so many people exploring the village and finding and solving the clues. Well done to everyone who worked out that broomstick was the anagram word. The lucky winners of the prize cauldrons were Elijah, Maggie, Oscar and Libby and Ollie, Isla and Harrison. Thank you to everyone who took part in the trail and also to those people who had clues on their properties for us.

The fortnightly bake sale has been a popular event with some amazing treats that have been won. Thank you so much to the volunteer bakers who massively help us with this fundraiser.

Thank you to everyone who ordered Christmas cards, mugs, coasters, tags and placemats. These continue to be popular fundraisers and it was great to see the children's designs and drawings. The placemats are a great keepsake and hopefully you will see your child's drawing develop as they go through the school.

The Christmas raffle was again a huge success and we thank everyone for your efforts in selling the raffle ticket books. An amazing amount of tickets were sold. We did have some outlay for this needing to renew our license to sell the tickets, ticket printing costs and some outlay to add some items to the hampers. But an amazing profit of £600.96 was made.

The lucky winners of the hampers were:

Christmas = Ray Mayes (Chestnut class)

Family night in = M Carter (Holly class)

Spa day = Alison Millin (Chestnut/Elm class)

Tastes of the world = Pete Keeling (Hazel/Elm Class)

Home and Garden = L Bailey (Elm class)

Sports and Games = Chris Groom (Oak class)

Crafts = Sue Davey (Oak class)

Baking = Heidi Barnard

We hope everyone enjoyed all of their prizes.

A massive thank you also to Avi from Bagel or Beigel, Chloe Mayhew from the Little Pink Room, Kirsty and Bev from the Hair Salon, Minesh from the village shop, Ryan Collins from the Fish and Chip shop who all kindly donated vouchers or items that were part of our hampers. We really appreciate your support.

Whilst sorting the envelopes and tickets for the raffle we were pleasantly surprised to receive an anonymous donation of £125 to FOMSA. Thank you very much to this kind person. Another thank you goes to Laura Keller and Alex Sommer from Concrete and Wax who donated £75 from their Black Friday event.

We ended the term with the annual visit of Father Christmas. Although he was unable to go into classes this year, he visited each classroom from the outside and all children were able to see him and then to receive the book that he delivered for each child. Apparently, there was some brilliant singing and some joke telling too!

Fundraising for the Autumn term from the Garage Sale, Bags 2 School, Easy Fundraising, Break a Rule Day, the Fortnightly Bake Raffle., Christmas Cards, Bags to School, Placemats, the Halloween Trail and the Christmas Raffle made a fantastic profit of £1611.11

As a result of our fundraising, we helped Father Christmas by purchasing his Christmas books for the children. We have funded a new projector to be used in the hall for assemblies and also provided funding so that a company could film the Christmas production for family and friends to view. We hope you enjoyed the show.

Due to the ever-changing situation, we will keep you updated of FOMSA's events for this term using the school's text and email service and newsletter. So far, we hope to do the following:

Friday Bake Raffle

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 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 to sell the tickets for us, please let Anna Dawson know.

Bags to School

We will again be sending out bags and asking for donations of unwanted clothing. The collection day will be **Wednesday 2nd March**. Empty bags will be sent home with the children before half term. More bags will then be available from the School Office or alternatively use bin bags. Please remember we do not have space to store filled bags so please bring them to school on the morning of the **2nd March**.

Break a Rule Day:

This term this will be held on **Friday 18th February**. The School Council will again decide the theme and then let us all know. Come to school breaking the rule in exchange for a suggested donation of £1.

Easter Event

Every year FOMSA usually run an Easter Treasure Hunt trail in the Millennium Woods along with refreshments and stalls. Nearer the time we will let you know what we are able to do this year but we are hoping to run an Easter event or trail if we can.

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. Please give any donations to the school office. Thank you in advance.

If you have any ideas or anything you would like us to consider please get in contact.

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Many thanks for your continued support, The FOMSA Committee.