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FRIENDS OF ETON WICK SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

IT'S (ALMOST) CHRISTMAS!

We're sorry! We know we've mentioned the C-Word and it's not time for the advent calendars to come out yet, but we're in full Christmas organising mode and are really excited for everything that's coming up the rest of this year.

September's AGM saw a couple of changes to the FOEWS team - firstly Shelley has stepped down as Treasurer. Shelley has been an integral part of the FOEWS for some years and although she won't be on the committee, she is still active as a class rep. Mahrie has taken over as Treasurer from Shelley and Miriam stays as Deputy Chair. Cara and Amy have taken on a co-chair role. Although Amy is officially 'new' to the committee, you'll all know how active Amy has been with previous events, so this just means you'll see her even more!

The 2018/2019 fundraising target of £8,000 is a big feat, but we have a plan of how we're going to try and reach the total before the end of July to purchase 14 new laptops.

Our goal is ultimately fundraising to enhance your child's education, but FOEWS is also there to provide learning & social experiences and to support the school as much as we can. The FOEWS team isn't just made up of the 4 on the committee. Parents, carers, extended family - the whole school community are part of FOEWS. Involvement can take all shapes and forms: sharing ideas, putting up posters, selling raffle tickets, having an estate agent sign up, setting up tea, buying an event ticket. Thank you in advance for any involvement you have with FOEWS.

Christmas is probably the busiest time of the year for FOEWS and this year we have LOTS of things going on. We've included a round up in this newsletter, but there will also various items coming home in book bags and shared on our Facebook Page (FOEWSPTA)

Have a great half term.

Thanks,

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WHAT'S NEW?

SECOND HAND UNIFORM SALE

£58

We'll repeat the second hand uniform sale again later in the year as there is still a lot of old uniform left.

CAR BOOT SALE

£120

It was great to see families of the school and members of the community pop along to school on a very wet and windy morning!

Thank you to those who were selling and those who visited.

We may look to hold another car boot during the Summer Fair if there is interest.

AMAZON WISH LIST

The school has created a wish list on Amazon.co.uk.

The list contains a selection of books and resources, which we know will greatly benefit your children and the school. If you would like to purchase and donate an item from the list, please visit here - <https://amzn.to/2AcPaQK>

You can choose to get the item delivered directly to the school office or if you can add it to your personal shopping and simply bring it into the school office. Thank you for your support.

NEW NOTICE BOARD

You'll find a new notice board on the right hand wall, just as you head into the hall. We'll post the latest events, meetings and any other important information.

CLASS REPS

At the recent FoEWS AGM, we discussed the 'class rep' system. Each class has an allocated parent who can act as the link between parents and school. This class rep is someone who will attend FoEWS meetings to represent the class.

The rep can share ideas and will look for volunteers for supporting our fundraising events.

In many cases, this representative has set up the class WhatsApp group or will be very active. They may relay messages or support other parents in remembering specific events etc.

The representative have volunteered to take on this role and are in place to support effective communication between home and school. This is the limit of the class representatives.

If you would like to know more or are not sure who your class rep is, please speak to Mr. Harris.

JUMP IN SLOUGH

Jump In is the biggest and safest trampoline park operation in the UK and they're on a mission to help get everyone jumping by launching a new voucher swap scheme which will run over the 2018/2019 academic year, to encourage local children to be active whilst giving back to local schools.

How the school will benefit:

- £0.25 every time a pupil visits Jump In Slough and mentions our school name at check in they will give them a voucher worth 25p to hand in to school.

- £5.00 every time a pupil books a birthday party at Jump In and mentions our school they will give them a voucher worth £5 to hand in to school.

A post box is situated at the front of the school for the vouchers.

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CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES

CHRISTMAS CARDS

there will be a surprise heading some soon that your children have made, so hold out buying any Christmas cards!

CHRISTMAS FAIR POSTER COMPETITION

The FoEWS need your help to create the poster for this years Christmas fair.

The winner of the competition will have their poster used to advertise the Christmas fair in and around the local area.

Your poster must include the date, time and place of the fair:

Friday 7th December

5pm – 7pm

Eton Wick First School.

It must be no bigger than an A4 sheet of paper and have a Christmassy theme. Entries must be returned by Wednesday 31st October for judging.

We can't wait to see all your wonderful artwork.

RAFFLE TICKETS

Thanks to Frost Partnership, we have £100 Love2Shop vouchers as first prize for this year's Christmas Raffle.

The list of prizes is still growing, but Raffle tickets will go on sale after half term.

FROST BOARDS

frost Partnership have also offered to put up 10 boards around Eton/Eton Wick to promote our Christmas Fair.

if you would be interested in having a board up, please let us know before 31st October.

CHRISTMAS MOVIE NIGHT

22ND NOVEMBER

You've had your say and the winner of the Christmas Movie night is....

ELF!

The movie night will start from 5pm - 7.15pm, with an interval included. Children are welcome to wear PJ's and bring a pillow.

The evening is for Years 1 - 4 and pupils of the school only.

Tickets will go on sale after half term and will include a quick bite for dinner, popcorn and a drink.

Parents are welcome to attend to watch the film (or just out for some late night shopping!)

CHRISTMAS FAIR 7TH DECEMBER

There will be so much going on at this year's fair, that we'll send out a separate email with all the details on.

if you are interested in having a stall, your company offer fund matching or you might be able to help in any way, please do let us know.

CHRISTMAS JUMPER MUFTI DAY

7TH DECEMBER

the last must day of the year will take place on the day of the Christmas Fair.

in return for mufti day, we would request a donation to your class themed Christmas hamper. More details of these will follow in coming weeks..

CHRISTMAS PANTO 20TH DECEMBER

Limited tickets available. Please speak to Shelley for more details.

SAVE THE DATES



NOVEMBER

22

CHRISTMAS MOVIE
NIGHT

Elf
5 - 7pm



DECEMBER

07

CHRISTMAS FAIR
& MUFTI DAY

JANUARY

25

WINTER DISCO PARTY



JUNE

07

SUMMER DISCO PARTY



JULY

06

SUMMER FAIR

Christmas first!



Who decides how fundraising money is spent?

People wonder how the decisions are made about how the money raised by FOEWS is spent.

All parents are invited to every meeting (held once each half term generally in school), which is also attended by Mr. Harris or another senior member of the teaching staff.

During the meeting Mr. Harris will put forward requests from the school for funding and the request is discussed and voted on by those present. Meetings also include planning future events & reviewing previous ones.



How can I get involved?

Coming along to a meeting doesn't commit you to do anything.

There's no pressure to do any more than you want to, but the meetings really are a question of more the merrier. It's about sharing ideas, working together, building friendships and overall benefiting our children's education.

I don't have much spare time to help, how can I help in other ways?

We understand there's never enough hours in the day, let alone any spare time. Sending in donations in exchange for a mufti day, attending one of the events, encouraging your children to take part or even spreading the word around your child's class are all small ways you can help. If you can offer help with printing, delivering flyers or anything outside of the 'on the day' helping, we would love to hear from you.



What's the fundraising target?

The target for 2018/19 will be £8,000 which will go towards funding new laptops. This is almost double the amount for 17/18, but we hope to look for other ways of raising funds other than holding more events.

We need you!

If you have some more fundraising ideas, can spare some time to help with something or if you just want reach out, we would love to hear from you.

Email us - FOEWSPTA@gmail.com