



FRIENDS OF ST ANNE'S newsletter

Bi-monthly

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Welcome

Welcome to the first issue of the Friends of St. Anne's Newsletter! The newsletter will be distributed monthly, to update you on events, fundraising update and how the money has been spent to benefit our school and our children.

Launch of FOSA



Friends of St Anne's launched on World Book Day. The children had an exciting day which included a sponsored readathon, an 'extreme reading' photograph competition and dressing up as their favourite character from a book! The event was a huge success and the children dressed in wild and wonderful costumes! They all made a huge effort and looked fantastic! So, thank you to all parents for supporting this event. World Book Day photographs are available for sale, per year group or group shot, if you would like to buy a copy they are available for sale at the next coffee afternoon.

DIARY OF EVENTS

- **Every Friday:** Fairtrade Friday
- **21st March:** Wear red in support of Sports Relief
- **25th March:** Bags 2 School
- **Date TBC:** Easter Treasure Hunt
- **4th April:** Coffee Afternoon, Easter Break
- **4th April:** Opportunity to buy World Book Day photographs at the Coffee Afternoon
- **23rd May:** Coffee Afternoon, May Break
- **TBC June:** Fathers Day Pot Painting
- **TBC July:** Summer Disco
- **TBC July:** Bags 2 School
- **18th July:** Coffee Afternoon, Summer Break

Sports Relief this Friday!!!

Sports Relief is on Sunday 23 March: in support of Sports Relief a non school uniform day **wearing RED** on **Friday 21st March** and donate £1 per child, 50p to Sports Relief and 50p to Friends of St Anne's.



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WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?

What is Friends of St Anne's

Friends of St Anne's is in essence a PTA (Parent Teachers Association). A PTA is a formal organisation composed of parents, teachers and staff that is intended to facilitate parental participation in their school.

Why do we need a PTA?

St Anne's School is deemed to be in a non-deprived area, so funding is set at a lower level. So, if we need new reading corners for the classrooms we need to generate the funding, if we would like to hold a school disco, we need to generate the income to do that too... So, in essence all the additional 'nice things' that the children would enjoy and benefit from, we need to give a helping hand - to ensure all our children experience and benefit from these little extras!

How can I get involved?

Friends of St Anne's is very much an **INCLUSIVE PTA** rather than exclusive club! We would like all parents to get involved, in generating ideas, fundraising, supporting events to benefit our main goal, a fulfilling and beneficial environment for all of our children to develop and grow.

What commitment do you need?

As a parent we all have very busy lives, children, work, ageing parents and other commitments... So, all we ask is to get involved, whether it's to help with an event, baking a cake, suggesting new ideas, it all helps **OUR CHILDREN**

Bags 2 school

We are pleased to announce that the school has organised a textile collection with Bag2School in order to raise funds for new reading Corners in each classroom and the summer school disco

Bag2School are the UK's leading textile recycler and fundraiser working with schools and since its inception in 2001 they have now paid out over £16 million.

As well as raising vitally needed funds for our school, it also helps the environment by helping to divert unwanted textiles away from landfill. A recent DEFRA report has shown that textile collection schemes are helping to reduce the volume of textiles discarded as municipal solid waste. However it is a fact that as a nation we still send 1,081,000 tonnes of textiles to landfill every year.

By getting involved in our **Bag2School** collection, you have an opportunity to sort through your cupboards and wardrobes and donate unwanted textiles in the bag provided – this can include adults' and children's clothes, shoes (tied together please), hats, belts, bags, soft toys. Please note bedding, curtains, and household linen cannot be accepted (refer to www.bag2school.com for full details). We will receive **£500 per tonne or £0.50/kg** which will be a great boost for our fundraising. In addition it will also raise awareness amongst the children of the benefits of recycling and reuse.

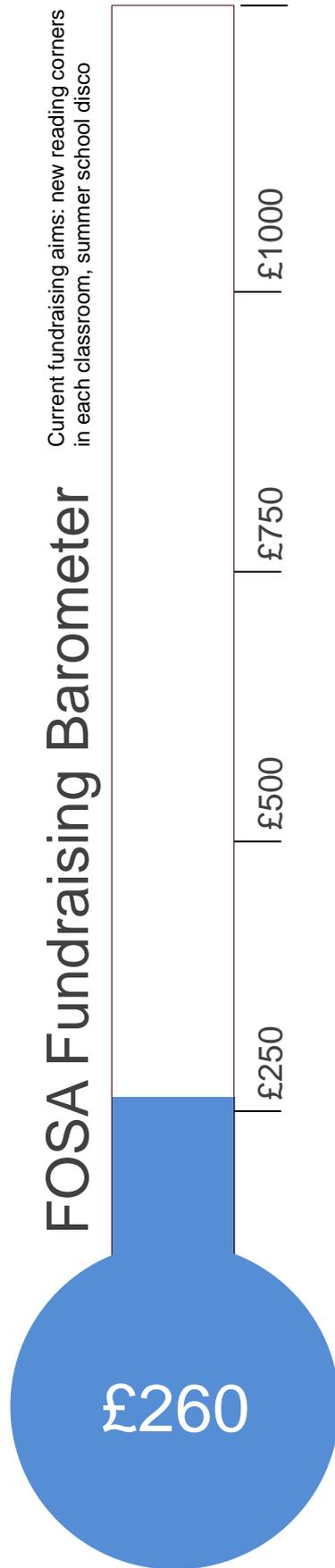
If you fill the donation bag and still have more then you can use any other bag to donate your items and don't forget to ask grandparents, friends and neighbours to have a sort out as well!

Bag2School will be collecting from our school on 25th March. Please bring your bag (or bags!) to outside St Anne's School and help us have a really good collection.



Current fundraising aims: new reading corners in each classroom, summer school disco

FOSA Fundraising Barometer



FOSA Committee Members

Chair: Kelly Sowerby
Treasurer: Carol Campbell
Secretary: Natalie Cunnachie

Members: Michelle Adams, Evelyn Graham,
Nicola Ovington, Joanne Proud,
Sam Ripley, Lyndsey Taylor, Michelle Welford

Teaching Staff: Mrs Harrison, Mrs Simpson



Parents' Questionnaire

All families of pupils at our school are members of the Friends of St Anne's. The FOSA committee plans on running regular fundraising and social events for the whole school community. Our fundraising efforts will enhance the education and experience of all the children at the school. We would like to know a little bit about you and the events and activities that interest you. The FOSA Committee would appreciate it if you would take a few minutes to complete the questionnaire:

What sort of events would you enjoy attending, e.g. quiz night, ladies night, family disco?

Please list any skills or talents you have that the FOSA might be able to use: e.g. Good with computers, painting, carpentry, gardening, baking, financial, marketing:

Do you work for/own a company that might be prepared to support the FOSA by donating a raffle prize or sponsoring a stall at our Christmas or summer fair? If yes, please give details:

Do you work for a company that has a company matched giving scheme for employees, such as a bank or building society? If you don't know, would you be prepared to ask them?

Would you be interested in supporting the committee to help plan and organise events as a class representative or FOSA volunteer?

Would you like more information about joining the committee, the roles and responsibilities and the time commitment involved?

Is there anything specific you would like the FOSA to fund? Please give details:

Forthcoming event... School Disco, etc. – we would really appreciate your help! Please indicate whether we can call on you for help

Name:

Telephone no.:

Child's name and class:

Email: