



<u>Friends of Feckenham School</u> <u>Easter Newsletter</u>

It has been another excellent term for the school and families with lots going on and even managing a whole school Easter celebration at the church this week.

As a group we are aware that the last couple of years we haven't been able to be as visible around the school and holding events as we have in previous years, so we have included some more detailed information below about who we are and what we do for the school community.

Who we are?

FoFS was launched in 2009 as a fund-raising committee for Feckenham First school, we are not a PTA as we only deal with fund raising, not other school matters such as policy reviews. We are a registered charity which means we can raise money through Gift Aid and company matching schemes We also try to provide closer links between home and school by holding events that bring staff, parents, Feckenham village community and friend's together working towards a common goal whilst having some fun.

Not all our events are run as fundraisers, some are designed to give the children happy lasting memories of their time at the school

FoFS is made up of a committee that includes Chair, Secretary and Treasurer but also relies on many parents who help with all the events we put on. The help we get from these parents is invaluable and events would not run without their support.

How we raise money

We run events throughout the year that includes popular events such as Summer and Christmas Fetes, quiz nights and big breakfasts. We also have several schemes that help us raise money as part of everyone's everyday life such as clothes bank on the school drive, ink cartridge recycling and donations via Amazon Smile.

We also rely on donations from parents not only for raffle prizes or items for sales but also your time, skills and offer of services. We have also formed some strong links with local business and their support has been extremely generous and invaluable over recent years. We are always looking for new ways to raise money for the school so if you have any ideas, we'd love you to tell us.

How the school have benefitted

Since starting each year we have contributed large and small items for the school

- Outdoor Play equipment
- Science Equipment
- A defibrillator
- Trophies for Citizen of the term
- Cameras and memory cards for every class
- Globes for geography lessons

- School Trips
- Sports Coaching
- Waterproofs for forest school
- Disco lights for school discos
- Christmas party food
- Non Fiction Early Years books

- New Hymn books and CD's
- Maintenance of Yurt and Forest School container
- Additional sports equipment

- Unistage in school hall
- Kitchen utensils and containers
- Leavers gifts

We will be launching a big new project next term for all fundraising to go towards so watch this space

Contact

We can always be contacted through the school office or speak to a FoFS member at drop off or pick up times.

Alternatively, you can email us directly at fofsgroup@gmail.com and we will be launching a new Facebook page that will include more details of who is involved in FoFS from each class group.

The current committee is

- Chair Claire Field Kingfishers
- Treasurer Sam Scott-Ison Sparrows and Doves
- Secretary Kul Bradford Kingfishers

Dates for the diary

- Friday 8th April Easter Fun and Games for the whole school
- Friday 6th May Evening Quiz and Curry @ Feckenham Village Hall
 Teams of 4-8 people, ticket info to follow next term
- Friday 10th June Jubilee Family Fun Afternoon