

FoBS Fundraiser



2021/2022 Term 1

Issue 1



Welcome to the first edition of the FoBS Fundraiser, our new twice per term update, and for all new parents to the school - FoBS would like to say a massive welcome. You have already made an excellent decision in joining the school and we hope both you and your children have many happy years here.

Following what can only be described as a challenging 18 months for the whole country, it is finally starting to look like we are coming out the other side and life is starting to look more normal. As each restriction is lifted it allows FoBS the opportunity to resume fund raising activities in earnest.

The FoBS year started on 24th June with our delayed AGM, which saw the selection of our new fund-raising committee, full details of the elected members can be found below. As the new Chair of FoBS I would like to offer my deepest thanks to the previous committee for doing a good job in such challenging times, the Christmas raffle was a particular success. Well done guys.



To the new parents among you, FoBS (Friends of The Bythams School) is a charity run by parent volunteers with the aim of raising valuable funds for the school. This money pays for new equipment and enrichment activities for the children.

We need you!

As we look to plan our fundraising events for the coming school year, it is obvious that more now than ever, we need your help to let us continue to raise valuable funds for the school.

Can you spare an hour here and there to help at one of our many events?

Have you some spare time to help organize an event or to take on one of the regular jobs that FoBS delivers to the school, such as helping in the school garden or helping with one of the afterschool clubs?

If you have some spare time
email the Chair on

FoBS.Chair@outlook.com

A History of FoBS

Fundraising through the ages

FoBS was first registered in October 1995 and has a proven track record of raising funds for valuable projects that have helped improve the life and education of hundreds of pupils, past and present.

Our typical fundraising activity throughout the school year ranges from “pop-up” shops, Christmas jumper or non-uniform days, school discos, Tree Dressing at the Spinney, the May Fair and keepsake photos and videos of the school productions.

Then with the pandemic, FoBS had to think on its feet, as a socially distanced school disco just does not work! This saw the launch of the FoBS Christmas raffle which partnered us up with local businesses who generously donated prizes.

We now intend to come more into the modern realm of fundraising and have just launched our very own text donation service to allow people to make both one off and regular monthly donations. This will be hotly followed by our monthly text message raffle where the winner will receive a cash prize.

If you have an idea for raising funds, please email FoBS.Ideas@Outlook.com



Text FOBS 2 to 70470 to donate £2
Texts cost £2 plus one standard rate message

The FoBS Committee

Introducing the new FoBS Committee, as you can see there are still some key vacancies so if you are interested in making a difference to the school please contact the committee on FoBS.Chair@outlook.com



Matt Dutton

Chair



James Rees

Treasurer



Position Vacant

Vice Chair



Sarah Morgan

Secretary



Laura Martin

School Representative



Beth Anderson-Smith

Hedgehogs Representative



Position Vacant

Squirrels Representative



Rachel Derry-Ward

Foxes Representative



Sharron Woodward

Badgers Representative



On behalf of FoBS I would like to say a big welcome to the school to the new head teacher, Mrs. Laura Martin, along with the new Foxes class teacher, Miss Gina Paparozzi

Dates for your diary



- FoBS fund raising meeting – 16th September 2021 @ 19:00
- Closure date for FoBS Fundraiser stories – 30th September 2021
- Halloween Disco – Thursday 21st October 6pm to 8pm - TBC
- Text donations public launch – Monday 6th September
- Pop-up shop – Date TBC
- School Uniform day – Date TBC
- Bags2Schools unwanted clothing collection – November – TBC

Term 1

Monday 6th September 2021 to Thursday 21st October 2021

Term 2

Monday 1st November 2021 to Friday 17th December 2021

Term 3

Tuesday 4th January 2022 to Friday 11th February 2022

Term 4

Monday 21st February 2022 to Thursday 31st March 2022

Term 5

Wednesday 20th April 2022 to Friday 27th May 2022

Term 6

Monday 6th June 2022 to Friday 22nd July 2022





There are many ways that you can donate to FoBS, below are just a few of them.



Donate your time to either help at one of our events or volunteer to help organise a fundraising event.

Do you shop with Amazon? In which case swap to Amazon Smile and pick us as your charity of choice, for which we get a donation from Amazon for every eligible purchase you make at no additional cost to you.

<https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1050164-0>



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Texts cost £2 plus one standard rate message and you'll be opting in to hear more about our work and fundraising via telephone and SMS. If you'd like to give £2 but do not wish to receive marketing communications, text FOBSNOINFO 2 to 70470. Maximum donation £20

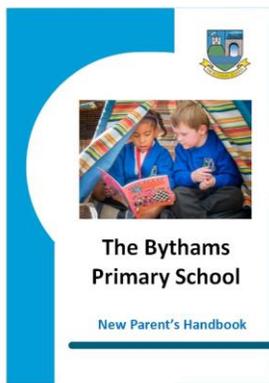
Talk to a member of the FoBS Committee



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To all the new parents joining the school for the new school year, a massive welcome from FoBS. Even for those parents who already have siblings at the school, the first few days can be a daunting experience as there are lots of forms to complete and systems to enrol on that might not have been around the last time you went through this.



You have received your copy of The Bythams Primary School New Parent Handbook. Please take a bit of time to go through it, as almost every question you have will be answered within it. If you cannot find the answer to a question, then please call the school office or reach out to Fobs.Ideas@outlook.com and we will try and get you the answer.

The important thing to remember is that you are not alone, along with the school, FoBS is here to help you settle into life as a new school parent.

Kind Regards

Matt Dutton

FoBS Chair