



FOBS Newsletter

The PTA for Bushmead Primary School

A MESSAGE FROM FRIENDS OF BUSHMEAD SCHOOL

Wow, what a year! With the covid restrictions in place, it has been quite a challenge trying to run covid safe activities and raise funds for the school. So this year has been the first time that we have not been able to run any of the major events - Discos, Xmas Bazaar, Easter Egg Hunt & Fair and the Summer Fair. Hopefully, as restrictions lift, we can kick start the events next year.

A HUGE thanks to the parents and school staff who helped support and organise the events we did manage to run this year:

- Xmas Raffle
- Easter Raffle
- Baking box Christmas
- Baking box Summer
- FOBS Lottery

And thank you for supporting the events by purchasing the tickets/boxes and putting pictures up on FOBS Facebook page (www.facebook.com/1fobs) - THANK YOU!

DID YOU KNOW?

FOBS has donated OVER **£55,000** to the school since 2018.

With raised funds and won external funding, FOBS helped the school to purchase:

- KS2 outdoor play equipment
- Outdoor canopy for Year 1
- Bushmead TV & IT
- KS1 outdoor playground equipment and Foundation playground
- New books and KS1 Reading Scheme
- Traffic calming signs (little people signs outside)

What FOBS has supported this year:

Funding towards the KS2 Library

FOBS were able to secure £5,000 external funding and matched this with an extra £5,000 towards a NEW KS2 Library! We are delighted to show you the 'The Miller Hub', which will be up and running next year for the children to continue their love of reading. The £10,000 donation from FOBS allowed the school to purchase equipment (bookcases and furniture) to make the space comfortable and welcoming for the children to enjoy.



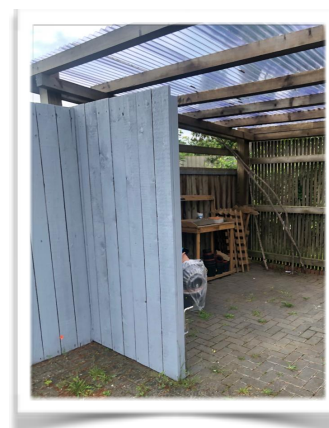
Funding to repair the outdoor amphitheatre

FOBS donated £3,000 to repair the outdoor amphitheatre, which was out of use. FOBS were able to secure funding to have the repairs carried out, and the children have been able to use this exceptional facility that the school have!



After school activities support

FOBS is committed to supporting after school activities for the children to enjoy and maybe try something new! The charity has donated over £2,000 towards setting up the gardening club and bug hotels and will continue to contribute next year to this and other new clubs.



Home Economics Room

We are still raising funds for a new home economics room for the children to enjoy – but **WE NEED YOUR HELP!** If you haven't already, please join the Co-op membership and choose us as your cause. As you shop – Co-op will donate a percentage towards our cause (the Home Economics room). So far, our cause has raised £4,700 via the Co-op, but we need much more to create a brilliant space for the children to learn.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

FOBS can only run events with your support! Whether it's wrapping up pressies at home, manning a stall for an hour, helping to set up or pack up, donating a raffle prize, face painting, baking, designing fobs posters...we need you!!

Please email fobs@bushmeadprimaryschool.co.uk and say hi! And we will let you know what events are running next year – or if there are any events you would like to see organised.

AMAZON SMILE

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