

FOBS PTA NEWSLETTER

MARCH 26

Welcome to our first FOBS newsletter! We plan to do a newsletter once per half term to keep you all aware of what we're up to and the key dates for your diaries. We hope this newsletter will be informative and a celebration going forward for what we achieve and do together.

If you would like to become more involved in FOBS we'd love to have you. Everyone is welcome!



*Please
volunteer if
you are
able!*

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UPCOMING EVENTS

LENT CHALLENGE 18th Feb – 2nd Apr

Thank you to everyone who is currently participating in the lent challenge. We'll be handing out prizes at the assembly on 3rd April

BREAK THE RULES DAY 27TH Mar

On the last day before the Easter break we're asking for children to break (some!) rules and donating 50p per rule broken to FOBS.

EASTER EGG HUNT 27TH Mar

After school on 27th March there will be an Easter Egg Hunt in the school grounds with a set of clues to find 10 golden eggs. Each egg has a sticker. Collect all 10 stickers to collect your Easter egg! £3.50 per child – booking in advance required.

FUND RAISIN' 27TH Mar – 17th Apr

Boxes of raisins will be given out before the Easter break. During the holidays the children are invited to raise money through donations or doing chores. Prizes will be given in each class for the most money raised.

ORCHARD WORKING BBQ 29TH Mar

Come along and help restore our amazing orchard for our school community. FOBS will provide a BBQ. It should be a fun day to get together and make a difference! 11am-3pm. RSVP to Zoe on 07828245847

SCHOOL DISCO 21st May

We're trialing separating out KS1 and KS2 for the disco. Ladybirds, Robins and Dragonflies from 3:30-4:15. Kingfishers & Otters from 4:30-6pm. There will be a tuck shop and hot dogs for all! Please book in advance. £4 per ticket

NON-UNIFORM DAY 19TH May

Ahead of the Summer Fair, we're asking for donations to the rainbow raffle. Please can students bring in an item for the raffle in the colour assigned to their class. Robins – Blue, Dragonflies – Green, Kingfishers – Red, Otters – Yellow.

EVENTS CONTINUED

SPORTS DAY ROUNDERS TBC

After Sports Day, FOBS will be hosting a family rounders as a community get together. There will be Pimms (and non-alcoholic alternatives!) and scones and if there is enough interest a BBQ too. We'd love to make this a wonderful end of year celebration for all of the families to spend time together ahead of the summer holidays. We'll ask for RSVP nearer the time.

SUMMER FAIR 5th JULY

Please put Sunday 5th July 12-4pm in your diaries for the school summer fair. FOBS are currently very busy in the background planning lots of fun things for the fair - from all the games and stalls to special performances and food. Its set to be a great day and we'd love for as many of our families to be there as possible!

ONLINE PAYMENTS

We've set up a website for FOBS where all the events throughout the year will be shown. You'll also be able to book and pay for events online here as well as volunteer to help out, too.

To book, you will need to register on:
pta-events.co.uk/friends-of-brimscombe/

RECYCLING

There has been a big sort out of all of the second hand uniform and we're going to be gathering everything together do a second hand sale rail after school on the last day before Easter (27/03). If you have any second hand uniform to donate please pop a bag into reception and we'll sort everything ready to re-sell and raise money for the school.

Please remember to recycle your printer inks! Not only does it keep them out of landfill, but it raises valuable funds for school! Just pop them in the recycling box in the school office and we'll do the rest

SUMMER FAIR

The planning for the Summer Fair is in full swing. We're gathering together some fun plans for games, stalls, performances and activities all with a festival-style feel to host an amazing get together for not just our school, but the whole community. We're incredibly excited to announce that we have Tweedy joining us to do a 30 minute show...



We'd love to have as much help as possible from everyone and so here are some ways that you could get involved:

- Could your company sponsor the event or donate a raffle prize?
- Do you or anyone you know fancy coming and performing some music?
- We've got lots of crafting to do - from making bunting to painting signs. We're going to be organising some crafting sessions and would love to have lots of help!
- We need volunteers on the day - could you run a games stand?
- Help setting up on Saturday 4th and clearing up afterwards would be hugely appreciated!
- We need straw bales to create a seating area for a stage, fabric to make bunting and we'd love to have some handy helpers putting together some creative stands/signs out of wood.



WHY WE FUNDRAISE

FOBS exists to support the school and its children through fundraising and organising events for the children to enjoy. We want to help build a vibrant school community. A place where families come together, spend time with one another, and create fun memories while raising money to support our children.

Each year we need to raise a minimum of £3,000. This helps fund things like the coach trip to the residential, leavers' hoodies, bags for new starters and £300 for each class teacher to spend on equipment or enrichment for their pupils.

We'd like to do more though.

The wooden playground equipment needs to be removed as it has become rotten at the base, and we'd love to raise the funds to replace it. We're also hoping to add an embankment slide for the children to enjoy as they slide down into the orchard. As always, we want to continue helping the school purchase equipment and resources for the children where government funding doesn't quite stretch far enough.

And our big dream? **A new garden-studio style space in the school grounds.** Somewhere children can go for quiet time away from the bustle of the main school.

We are in the early stages of developing the exact money required for our 'Big Goal' but we think we should aim big and try to raise £10,000 this year through our events, grants and community sponsorship.

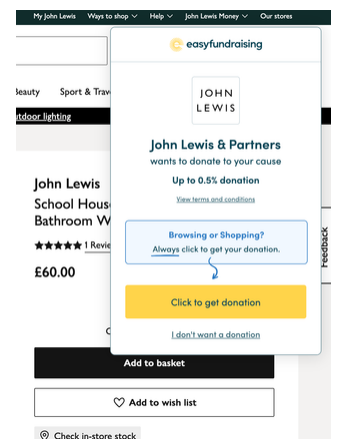
Our goals are big – but with the support of our wonderful school community, we think we can have a lot of fun getting there, together!



EASY FUNDRAISING

FOBS is signed up to Easy Fundraising and, as the name suggests, it is a VERY easy and free way for everyone in the school (and your friends and family!) to be raising money in the background for our school. Over 8,000 retailers, including Amazon, eBay, John Lewis, Sainsburys, Tesco (the list is huge!) are signed up to pay a commission on each purchase which is then donated to a cause. Whether you shop on your phone, laptop or now in person too, you can earn cashback that goes straight into the FOBS pot.

Signing up takes less than 5 minutes and you can add their pop up to your browser which means that anytime you log into a website that is signed up to their scheme, it will ask if you want to 'click to get donation' and that's all it needs - its so easy!



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THE ORCHARD

Once upon a time there was a beautiful and fruitful orchard where all the children could play....no, really there was! There was even a goat and a pond. In the last few weeks some parents and volunteers have been helping to restore the orchard to its former glory.

This week we have cleared more brambles, found lizards living in the old tree stumps and unearthed a gate that has been hidden for years that leads to the old pond area.

The log seating area has been upgraded with new logs and space for more kids to sit together for outdoor learning. This is just the beginning though...

We are hoping to raise enough money to:

- Build an embankment slide from the playground down into the orchard. We'd like to reinstate the pond and surrounding area.
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- Get some exciting new plants
- Decorate the area to make it a truly magical experience that can be used throughout the year.

We are on the lookout for the following items if any of our families are able to donate...

- Large statement pots
- Woodchip
- Play sand (to refill the existing sandpit)
- Wild flowers
- Ferns
- Large logs for seating and climbing.

BEFORE...



THE VISION...

