

FoDG PTA Newsletter

May 2019



Dear parents, carers, pupils and staff,

All the money you have so generously given over the last year goes towards the extras that the school budget cannot afford, so thank you once again for your continued support. Since our last newsletter, school have requested that the money already raised go towards:

Library & Gym - £1920 has been spent installing Solar Reflective Window Film in both these areas, to help reduce heat and glare. You may not be able to visibly see the benefits on the windows, but we all remember how unbearably hot it got last summer!

Playground Furniture – School requested new picnic benches and seating. We have spent £2311.60 on sets of recycled plastic furniture from www.marmaxproducts.co.uk, which should last for many years, and has saved thousands of plastic bottles from going to landfill!

Remaining Money – We are looking at additional playground equipment and Mr Mason is busily sourcing computers for the library

Friday 5th July - International Family Event



Summer term is all about International Day on **5th July**, and the FoDG team are busy planning, organising, booking, cajoling and chasing people to help make this another successful event.

The children will be rehearsing for the Talent Show, parents are busy planning their Country Stalls and we are all looking forward to the “Soak Sanchez” with a wet sponge stall!

Over the next month we will be sending out further details and reminders on donations required for the stalls, raffle tickets and prizes, help required and anything else we can think of! Key dates to keep an eye are all listed below.

We will do this via class WhatsApp groups as much as possible to save school the cost of paper and printing, and to cut down on waste. So if you are not part of your group please ask your teacher or find your class rep!

So far.....

We have **Country Stalls** representing Somalia, China, Asia, Afro-Caribbean, Iran, Ukraine and England ready to showcase their food, culture, games, books and crafts.

The School Parliament have consulted with their classes and have come back with an exciting selection of **ideas** and **games** they would like to play. We look forward trying to figure out how to make them work!



Not 1, not 2, but 3 **Inflatables** this year! A bouncy castle, an assault course and a Didicar Race Track!



Sports Zone – Mr Davies is working with local sports club Really Real to organise an array of exciting sporting challenges!

Raffle Prizes



So far there are vouchers for Science Museum Wonderlab, Snakes and Ladders, Adrenalin Rush Laser Combat, an annual ArtFund membership, local restaurants and many others. Also, an amazing Stunt Scooter donated by a Year 4 family. Tickets will be available in June's newsletter. If you own a business and could offer a voucher or goods as a Raffle Prize, please get in touch.

Money Donations - If you cannot attend the event but would still like to support the fundraising effort in some way, we have set up a **PayPal MoneyPool** account for any very gratefully received donations. A text message will also be sent with the following link:

<https://paypal.me/pools/c/8emNYPsh3Y>

Lastly... This year you will be able to pay for most stalls by tokens, which will be available to buy in advance and throughout the event. Details to be confirmed in June's newsletter.

All money raised at this event will go towards a screen and projector for the dining hall to provide a multifunctional space for the benefit of all pupils and parents. This project will cost approximately £4,000.



How can I get involved or help?

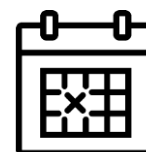
Those involved with FoDG volunteer their time in between working full or part time, or as stay at home parents, giving as much or as little time as they can spare. Many of the current team will be moving on next academic year so time for new faces - A job shared is a job halved!!



Our next meeting will be this week on **Friday 24th May at 2pm.** If you would like to learn more or have a skill you think might be useful, **PLEASE** come along to the PTA meeting, we would love to meet you.

Key Calendar Dates

- 10 June** Next newsletter with details on Raffle Tickets, Tokens and Donations needed!
- 27 June** Donation Day – bring in items for Tombola, Treats in a Jar etc
- 27 June** Volunteers required to help sort donations
- 17 June** (Tall !) Volunteers Required to hang flags around playground 😊
- 1 July** Tokens on Sale
- 5 July** On the day - As much help as you can give! To set up, clear up, fetch and carry, chop fruit and everything in between!



Best wishes
The FoDG Committee