



NEWSLETTER

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WELCOME

What a busy year we've had, we've managed to fit so much in! This year saw us trialling some new events as a committee including our inaugural Quiz Night and introducing Frozen Fridays. We've welcomed some fantastic new volunteers and have been supported by school staff & pupils with our events, a huge THANK YOU, we really couldn't do it without you.

We celebrated the summer term with a rather wet (traditionally British?!) BBQ, thank you to all of those who gave up their time to help on the day or in the run up to the event, and thank you to those who braved the great British Summer to attend. A highlight for us was of course the school choir singing 'Join the PTA.' We're delighted to share that we raised approximately £1300 after costs.



After reaching several large fundraising targets last year, we were lucky to have a slightly more relaxed year this year, and have even been able to afford to replace some of our older equipment. But Our Autumn term will be focused on providing funding for two key initiatives:

- Subsidising the Panto for all children
- Renewing the Foundation Garden Area

We hope we can rely on your continued support with what is quite an ambitious fundraising target for the year.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Parents Open Morning - 14th September

For parents who can't make weekday events, we want to invite you and the children to join us for an open morning, to socialise and see the school - bacon rolls and other refreshments available.

Bingo - 19th September - Adults only

Eyes down for a full house!

£15 for 6 games - bar & hot food available, so leave the car and the kids at home and join us for lots of fun!



Halloween Disco - October - Children only

Join us for our spooky spectacular disco - further details and tickets on sale next term



Quiz Night - 8th November - Family event

Get ready to take on the second FoW Quiz. Join us for an evening of family fun and put your brain power to the test - bar & hot food available



Christmas Fayre - 6th December - Festive fun for all!

Visit Father Christmas, do some Christmas shopping, play games and join in our festive craft activities.



FUNDRAISING HIGHLIGHTS 2023/2024

How have we raised our funds this year? Here's a breakdown:

Halloween Disco £481
Christmas Jumpers £128
Christmas Fayre £1,368
Xmas4School £158
Toys4Life £63
Easter Disco £340
Books/Cakes/Uniform Sales £454
Wonder Bar Sale £281
Frozen Fridays £262
Uniform Sales £101
Break the Rules Day £590
Quiz Night £124
Summer BBQ £1,309
Bag2School £358
Easy Fundraising £65
Stikins Labels £58
Your School Lottery £537
Vodafone Match Funding £750
Tesco Community Grant £2,000

NAME LABELS

If your children have outgrown their uniform and you're buying more, keep track of it with stick in name tags! Stikins and My Nametags both offer 25% of their sales to FoWS at no extra cost to you. Visit <https://www.stikins.co.uk/> using School Fundraising Number 25522 at the checkout or <https://www.mynametags.com/> quoting School ID 20710. Visit My Nametags via Easy Fundraising to raise even more funds!

And don't forget our second hand uniform in the school office if you need more uniform to label!

DID YOU KNOW...?

- We have a page on the school website - find us under the 'Parents' tab
- Email us at winchcombefriends@gmail.com
- You can follow us on Facebook www.facebook.com/friendsofwinchcombe or join our group www.facebook.com/groups/friendsofthewinchcombeshool
- We welcome all suggestions for Fund raising and other activities, and always welcome new volunteers.

DONATIONS TO SCHOOL

In addition to purchasing new equipment and covering our running costs and expenses, we have donated the following to school this year:

Panto £1299
Foundation iPads £1827
Sensory Garden £2856
Speakers £98
Guinea Pig Run £72
New Starter Bags £184



SCHOOL LOTTERY

Our school lottery is still running! Draws are weekly; take part any time for as long as you like - register [here](#) to choose your lucky numbers. Play weekly by direct debit or choose 'one off payment' for a block of 1, 3, 6 or 12 months.

There is at least 1 winner per school per week, plus the chance of winning the £25,000 jackpot. It's open to all so please share with family and friends to maximise sales - it's a great way to support FoWS and you could be a winner!



EASY FUNDRAISING

If you shop online this is the easiest thing you can do to raise money for FoWS. It is free to join, just click [here](#) and raise money while you shop online at no extra cost - including your weekly grocery shop. Refer a friend and earn £5 bonus donations.



Thank you for another year of Fun and Fundraising, we hope you enjoyed it as much as we did! Have a fabulous Summer Holiday and best of luck to the Year 6 children who are moving on to Secondary School.