

SPRING TERM ISSUE. MARCH 2021

Welcome to FOBS news! Once a term, this newsletter will keep you informed of what we're doing to raise funds, how you can get involved and how the school are spending FOBS money to directly benefit & enhance our children's learning

£2500: a great way to end 2020, thank you!

A HUGE thank you to everyone who organised or supported the FOBS **Binfield Virtual Christmas**. What an amazing response we had, raising a whopping £2500 (roughly half of what we'd normally raise at the Xmas Bazaar) and all done virtually/at a distance!



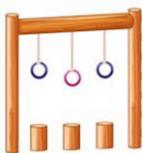
The funds raised will enable FOBS to continue to provide vital support to the school. Read below what FOBS has already funded this year...

What has FOBS funded so far this academic year?

- **Headphones for every KS2 child** (years 3-6) to enable effective use of technology during the school day
- **A wealth of fact/ fiction/ staged reading books** via commission raised from the FOBS Usborne Book Sale
- **Additional curriculum books** across all years and **new free-reader books** for years 5-6
- **Virtual Christmas Panto** which the children enjoyed on the last day of term, replacing the school panto which couldn't go ahead due to COVID-19
- **Class Christmas gifts** containing items such as play-time sports equipment, games for wet play etc

Future funding to include:

- **Brand new Adventure Trail** – FOBS are working to secure funds to contribute towards a brand-new trail which will replace the old dilapidated play equipment. Pending funding, the school hope to have this in place in the Summer Term for the children to enjoy



Future funding by FOBS

Moving forward, as shown by this thermometer, we currently have a lot less in our reserves than we will need to support just the basic activities FOBS usually fund (approx. £7k a year minimum), so your support of FOBS fundraising efforts is more important than ever.



Events coming up!

FOBS Quiz Night – 12th March



Looking for a fun evening? FOBS have the answer... we're delighted that the ever-popular FOBS Adults Quiz Night will be online this year! Why not enter as a single household or form a virtual team with friends? Maximum 8 people per team. **TICKETS ON-SALE NOW!** www.pta-events.co.uk/fobs

COMING SOON!

Binfield Village Easter Egg Hunt - 3rd – 11th April



We're thrilled that this year's annual Binfield Easter Egg Hunt will be in aid of Friends of Binfield School. Full details tbc (subject to COVID-19 regulations), but please note this event will be running over the Easter holidays.

DETAILS COMING SOON!

Bag2School recycling fundraiser – date tbc



After the success of our last collection which raised over **£300**, we are planning another collection after Easter (COVID-19 regulations permitting), so please start collecting and saving your unwanted/ outgrown clothes, textiles, shoes, curtains, bedding and we will let you know a date as soon as we can.

DETAILS COMING SOON!

To find out more, make a donation, buy tickets: www.pta-events.co.uk/fobs

For any questions, ideas, or to volunteer, email: fobs@friendsofbinfieldschool.co.uk

Reminder: raise funds for school when shopping it costs you nothing!



Shopping via Amazon?
Start your shop on the
AmazonSmile page!

By nominating FOBS as their chosen cause and shopping online via AmazonSmile, parents raised **£78.02** (Oct – Dec 2020). This is fantastic and we'd love more parents to start their Amazon shop at AmazonSmile. It costs you nothing (and is exactly the same as the main website) but every time you buy something Amazon donates 0.5% to the school which all adds up.

To start shopping (and raising funds for the school), simply use our unique link:
<https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1079512-0>

Shopping via the Amazon App?

Amazon Smile is in the Amazon Shopping App too. Simply go to "Programmes and Features" in your App's menu to activate AmazonSmile, then every eligible purchase will generate a donation to FOBS.



Start your shopping at
www.easyfundraising.com
to get free money for school!

To get money for school, simply start your online shopping at easyfundraising then shop as normal. The retailers will make a small donation to school. **There are 4,376 retailers & high-street names to choose from.**



You can support FOBS when entering the Bracknell Forest Lottery. There's a **£25,000** jackpot to be won every week.

Tickets are £1 and **50% goes to FOBS** if you nominate us as your chosen cause. You'll find a link to the lottery on www.pta-events.co.uk/fobs



Thank you SO much to all parents for your support of FOBS, especially in these times!

How do I donate to FOBS?



If you are in a position to make a direct donation to FOBS we would be so grateful...

2 ways to donate:

1. **Preferred option:** do a bank transfer to the FOBS account so FOBS get 100% of your donation: **Friends of Binfield School (NatWest)**
Account: 10230041 Sort code: 60-24-21
2. OR via www.pta-events.co.uk/fobs

Save your used printer ink cartridges!

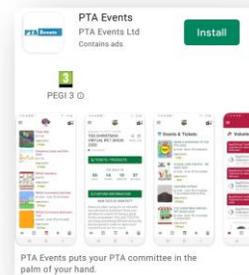


No doubt we've all used a lot of printer ink over lockdown! If so, please keep any used cartridges. FOBS will shortly have a collection bin for these items which will be recycled by The Recycling Company who will donate up to £1.50 a cartridge back to FOBS.

Keeping up to date & buying tickets for FOBS events is now much easier!

...with the new App for the FOBS website!

Download the **PTA Events App** via Google Play or the App Store. On opening the app you will need to input the organisation code "**fobs**" and away you go



Need more uniform or have outgrown uniform to donate?

Many children outgrew their uniform during lockdown and FOBS are now open for supplies and donations...

For more uniform, please complete the Uniform Request Form on www.pta-events.co.uk/fobs

To donate uniform, please bag it and place in the donation bin in the main reception. Thank you!

To find out more, make a donation, buy tickets: www.pta-events.co.uk/fobs

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