



NEW FOGWA  
FUNDRAISER  
COMING SOON!



Dear Parents,

It's the time of year when you might be thinking of having a clear-out... and FOGWA would like to help...

This is an early warning that on **17th January 2017** we will be running a clothes & shoe collection with **Bag2School**, to raise funds for icing-on-the-cake items for our children. The heavier our haul, the more money we will raise!

In the first week of next term, FOGWA will send home a blue **Bag2School** collection bag. But any bin-liner or plastic bag will do – so if you're having a clear-out now or over the Christmas holidays, please start saving the clothes, shoes etc for us!

**Bag2School is the UK's leading textile recycler and fundraiser working with schools. Since 2001 it has paid out over £27 million.**

As well as raising funds for FOGWA it also helps the environment by helping to divert unwanted textiles away from landfill. A recent DEFRA report showed that textile collection schemes help to reduce the volume of textiles discarded as municipal solid waste. However, it is a fact that, as a nation, we still send 350,000 tonnes of textiles to landfill every year.

By getting involved in our **Bag2School** collection, you have an opportunity to sort through your cupboards and wardrobes and donate unwanted good quality textiles. These will be sold for re-use so should be in good condition. The scheme accepts:

- adults' and children's clothes
- shoes (tied together please)
- hats
- belts
- handbags
- soft toys

Please visit [www.bag2school.com](http://www.bag2school.com) and [www.pta-events.co.uk/fogwa](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/fogwa) for more details. In addition to raising funds it will also raise awareness amongst the children of the benefits of recycling and reuse.

If you fill your donation bag and still have more (!) **then please use ANY OTHER PLASTIC BAG OR BIN LINER to donate your items.** Please don't forget to ask grandparents, friends and neighbours to have a sort out as well!

**Bag2School** will be collecting from Great Walstead on **17th January 2017**. On that day (*not before!!*) please drop off your bag (or bags!) to the covered area outside the Dining Hall and help us to have a really good collection. Remember, heavy bags raise more money...

Many thanks for helping with this new fundraising opportunity.

Team FOGWA