

# FoRPS Newsletter

Q3 2021



## Committee change

On 14th September 2021 we held our AGM within the school.

Louise has stepped down from her committee role as her family are nearing the end of their journey with the school. Louise will continue to be an active part of FoRPS. We are very grateful for all of Louise's hard work over the past few years, she has been an integral part of the team.

We have welcomed a new committee member in the role of Treasurer, Sam Agnew has been an a valued member of FoRPS for the past few years.

Both Natalie Watson and Sam Banks were re-elected in their roles as Chair and Secretary.

Natalie Watson - Chair  
Samantha Banks - Secretary  
Samantha Agnew - Treasurer

## Upcoming Events



### Bags2School Collection

We are teaming up with Bags2School once again to recycle your unwanted textiles. The date for your diary is Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> October, it's a good opportunity for a clear out!

## Christmas



### Christmas Artwork Project

The children are currently busy creating their Christmas artwork in class. Letters will be coming home week commencing 4<sup>th</sup> October with a copy of your child/ren's art and details of how to order. Keep your eyes peeled for deadline reminders on Clasdojo!

### Chocolate Tag Day

On Friday 26<sup>th</sup> November children are invited to wear their own clothes to school in a return for a donation of chocolate for the tombola at the Christmas Fayre.

### Christmas Fayre & Stories with Santa

We are delighted to announce that the Christmas Fayre is back this year! Please mark your calendars with a provisional date of Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 3.00-4.30pm. On the same day we will be organising 'Stories with Santa' class visits. More details to follow in due course.



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## News

- We are very proud to announce that in June of this year our Chair, Natalie Watson was named **Rainham's Volunteer of the Year**. Natalie happily accepted this award on behalf of FoRPS for work we did during Rainham's Big Spring Clean
- FoRPS were also nominated for the Grassroots award at the **Rainham Eco Hub Community Awards** which took place in September.
- Starting in October we will be holding a monthly evening meeting. The date for the first meeting is Thursday the 21<sup>st</sup> of October, location and time to be confirmed.
- Have you signed up to **AmazonSmile** yet? Signing up could not be easier
  - Head to [smile.amazon.co.uk](https://smile.amazon.co.uk)
  - Click 'get started' and sign in to your amazon account
  - Pick your charity – Friends of Riverside Primary School (Rainham)
  - To activate on the Amazon app – launch the app, click settings, AmazonSmile and then follow onscreen instructions
  - Always shop using the url - [smile.amazon.co.uk](https://smile.amazon.co.uk) (or app) and FoRPS will receive a donation of 0.5% on your purchases



## Get Involved!

Being an active member of FoRPS has many benefits including:

- For the children. You can help improve your child's environment; show them teamwork makes things happen and have the satisfaction of putting smiles on their faces;
- Builds Friendships. It's a great way to meet other parents and members of the community;
- Have a voice. You can have a voice in the events that are organised, how funds are spent;
- Be Connected. It can help you feel involved in school life;
- Good for you. Every parent has plenty to offer, whether it is being on the committee, helping out at events or offering expertise. As well as being enjoyable and satisfying, you can build your confidence and learn new skills too.
- Fundraising. Raising vital extra funds to enhance school life for every child who attends Riverside Primary School and nursery.

If you'd like to receive more detailed information about the work FoRPS does and our meetings please email the following information to [forpssecretary@gmail.com](mailto:forpssecretary@gmail.com) to be added to our mailing list.

Parent or carer's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's name and class: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact number: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact email: \_\_\_\_\_

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