



Friends of St Matthews Primary School

NEWSLETTER – SUMMER 2021

Hi Everyone,

With half term fast approaching, we thought it was a good time to send out our latest newsletter to update you on all the recent FoSMPS activities and provide some information on what's to come for the rest of the year.

Firstly though, we want to say a **BIG THANK YOU** to all of you for your support and help during what has continued to be a very challenging time for many. Despite these challenges, there has been great enthusiasm for all our events which has really contributed to a lot of fun and raising money for our great school.

Wishing you all a fantastic half term!

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FOSMPS WEBSITE

Please do bookmark our new(ish) website, your one stop shop for all things FoSMPS! Here you can read about our events, find your committee members, send in any ideas, and read about other ways to raise money for FoSMPS without having to lift a finger! Happy Browsing!

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Events and Fundraising Summary

With your support we have run a range of successful activities this school year including:

- 12 Days of Christmas 2020 – Unable to host the usual school Christmas Fair, we opted instead for a collection of 12 different fundraising activities and events for people to join in with. This was a tremendous success and thanks to you all raised £8657
- Easter Eggstravaganza – Our Easter events included an egg hunt, raffle, exercise fun for the family, a sponsored book read and mufti day, raising £2188

- Community Litter Pick – Saturday May 15th – A socially distanced tidy up of our local community for friends and family. A fun write up, and some photos, on this event can be found in the article attached

With all this incredible fundraising you have helped pay for:

- £5000 worth of Chrome books
- £2200 for Forest School sessions
- £1500 of new books for the library
- £600 for “Relax Kids” Mindfulness sessions for the children
- £100 Class Floats (£4200 in total)
- Year 6 upcoming leavers party
- Extra -curricular activities
- Virtual Christmas pantomime and eco-crackers for Christmas lunch

Upcoming Events & Ways To Get Involved

Do you have any ideas for events? Or investment ideas/purchases for the school? Or just want to hear more?

If so, please do get in touch through any of the ways below. And don't worry, your ideas aren't on you to make happen if you can't commit! We just really want to hear them. FoSMPS is here to help our school so we welcome direction from all those involved with the school.

- **June 16th Open Meeting** – Please come and join us at our next open meeting. This is an opportunity to meet your committee members, listen to what's going on and share your feedback and ideas. Pop the date in your diary and details on how to join will follow shortly
- Share your ideas through our website - <https://fosmps.org/ideas.html>
- Reach out to you committee members (<https://fosmps.org/com.html>) or class reps
- And, watch out for the launch of a survey coming soon

Other Ways to Support FoSMPS

FoSMPS Market Place

Our Facebook virtual shop where you can buy and sell any items with all donations going to FoSMPS. It is especially great for buying and selling second-hand uniform!

(<https://www.facebook.com/groups/282323989532268/?ref=share>)



Facebook Marketplace

Easy Fund Raising & Amazon Smile

Just a reminder to register with Easyfundraising and Amazon smile to raise money for the school when you shop. With many of us now doing more shopping online than ever this is a brilliant and easy way to raise money for FoSMPS.

- **Join Easyfundraising.org.uk**

- Shop online via this site and search for "Friends of St Matthews Primary School, Surbiton"
- It really couldn't be easier to set this up on your computer/phone and you can raise money for the school when you shop on many popular online retail sites.

- **Amazon Smile**

- Shop on AmazonSmile at <https://smile.amazon.co.uk>, and you will be prompted to select a charity. Search for Friends of St Matthews Primary School and Amazon will make a small donation when you shop at no cost to you
- AmazonSmile is also available in the Amazon Shopping App to all AmazonSmile customers using supported devices. Just hop online via this site. It's so easy.

Virgin Money Giving

Donate directly to FoSMPS via our Virgin Money Just Giving Page

