

Friends of St Peter's News

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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

As we came to the end of the Summer term, it felt very strange that we were not in school to celebrate the end of the year with our Summer BBQ or our last Fruity Friday. When we began the academic year back in September 2019, not one of us expected what would unfold over the last 5 months. On behalf of FoSPs I would like to thank and congratulate Mrs. King and all the staff for their dedication and perseverance in continuing to provide for the education and wellbeing of the pupils of St Peter's amidst such uncertainty.

We would also like to take this opportunity to say a big thank you to all

our wonderful volunteers and all our families for supporting our fundraising events. We could not have raised such a magnificent amount of money for the school without your support, enthusiasm and encouragement.

Of course the restrictions placed on all our lives recently have also impacted upon our ability to run the comprehensive programme of fundraising activities on behalf of the school that we would have hoped to over the spring and summer terms. As soon as we can return to the format of gatherings we will do so, but until then FoSPs are trying to think about how we

might be a little more creative in the way we fundraise through the current restrictions, recognising of course the very real impact this is having on the personal and working lives of many in our school community. More to follow on that in the near future, but in the meantime we wish you all a safe, healthy and happy summer break.

We look forward to seeing you all when school re-opens next term.

Best wishes

Andrea Boyle

CHAIRPERSON

FUNDRAISING HIGHLIGHTS

This year FoSPs has generated over **£6,750** in income, with the Christmas fundraising topping **£2.2k!** We have also had **£1.2k** of grants from Bampton Village Community Shop, over **£1.2k** from the Lotto (half of which is given back as a prize pot), Fruity Fridays raised over **£650**, more than **£170** was generated from Easy Fundraising, over **£200** was raised from FilmClub and **£185** was donated by The Plough for their 'Souper Saturday' fundraiser.

So far, we have funded:

- **£481** for a school PC
- **£1,681** for Cornerstones software for Years 2 of 3
- **£829** was spent on branded St Peter's Sports kit and netballs

- **£142.50** bought ice creams for the Panto
- **£188** covered a double subscription to Whizz Pop Bang - The Awesome Science Magazine for Kids!
- **£242** went towards KS2 Maths equipment
- **£212** bought a sturdy 'events gazebo' for FoSPs and school use

The money raised will also go towards funding First News Subscriptions, Phonics Play, Parentmail, Active Learn, Times Table Rockstars and, of course the laptops and much more!

Clark was delighted with his prize from the Easter raffle!



GREAT NEWS!

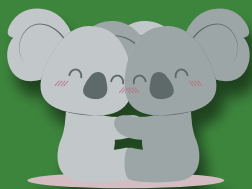
Just before Lockdown our grant application from **Bampton Village Community Shop** was approved!

BVCS granted us the extremely generous amount of £700 to buy class sets of books and additional Maths equipment, which the children will be able to enjoy and benefit from when they return to school.

Over the last couple of years **BVCS** have kindly donated very much appreciated funds, which have gone towards enhancing the learning environment for all children at St. Peter's.

Please support the charity shop when you can. They are located in the centre of Bampton on Rosemary Lane, OX18 2JJ.

FOLLOW UP TO OUR WWF FUNDRAISER



Following on from our WWF fundraiser on 24th January, when we raised the fantastic amount of £110 to go towards protecting the future of koalas and their habitat after the wildfires in Australia earlier this year, please take a look at the lovely video of an Australian koala being returned to the wild after the bush fires. Well done to all you official Koala Protectors! www.worldwildlife.org/stories/marianne-the-koala-returns-home

FURTHER NEWS...

In April we were delighted to announce that, thanks to a very generous donation from **The Plough in Alvescot**, we reached our Laptop Fund target of **£1200!**

Jemma and Stewart Traynor donated funds raised from their 'Souper Saturday'. The initial £135 brought us up to our target and will enable the school to purchase much needed new laptops. This was followed recently by another surprise donation of £50! We are sure you will join us in thanking all the staff at **The Plough** who made it possible.



5 EASY WAYS TO SUPPORT ST PETER'S:

EASY FUNDRAISING



Help raise funds for school without spending an extra penny! It is really easy to register and there are no hidden charges or catches simply head to www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stpetersceschoolalvescot/ and join for free.



www.stamptastic.co.uk



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If you're planning on labelling new uniform before September, please have a look at www.stamptastic.co.uk. If you quote our school code OX182PU on any orders we also benefit from 15% commission! What's more, you will receive a **FREE** White Fabric Pen worth £4.99 when you order a **School Name Labels DELUXE Bundle**.

www.stamptastic.co.uk/collections/home-page/products/advanced-bundle

Don't forget to add our school code in the discount field on the school page!



SCHOOL UNIFORM

School has a list of second hand uniform.

If you would like any please email the office the size and item required and it will be sent home with your children if in stock. Any donations would be gratefully received!

SCHOOL WISHLISTS!

Thank you so much for all the wonderful books that the school has received over the last academic year. We look forward to helping to fill the school libraries further in 2020-2021 and helping fund more essential STEM resources. If you would like to donate items directly to the school via the wish lists, here are the links:

Amazon literacy wish list:
www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/149BAT5186744/ref=cm_go_nav_hz



Amazon STEM wish list:
www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/39V8N3RZ9GOTG/ref=cm_go_nav_hz

Pre-loved copies of these books are also available and would be equally valued as gifts to the school. When you have chosen what you would like to buy please add a note to 'gift options' with your details, for example, 'Kindly donated by the Peters

Family', so that the school can add an inscription in the front of the book.

Due to Covid-19 no birthday sweets or cakes are allow to be distributed in school at this time. If you wish to purchase a book from the Amazon wish list instead a bookplate can be inserted into your chosen book with the inscription, 'Kindly donated to St. Peter's to celebrate (child's name)'s (age) th birthday'.



OR YOU CAN JOIN THE 50/50 LOTTO!

We currently have 25 numbers in the draw. You can still join the Lotto and take part in the first draw of the new academic year to be held at the end of October. The draw runs for 10 months of the year from October to July and is drawn on the last Friday of the month. Current Lotto players please remember to cancel your standing orders for the months of August and September, alternatively if you would like to carry your standing order on over the summer and donate the money to FoSPs that would be very welcome too. For more information on how to take part please see the attached Lotto form or email:



friendsofstpetersalvescot@gmail.com

THE FOSPS TRUSTEE TEAM

Chair: Andrea Boyle
(Mum to Elissa in Pegasus)

Deputy Chair: Clare Bryant-Ball
(Mum to Ava in Pegasus and Clark in Cygnus)

Deputy Chair: Vera Benson
(Mum to Helena in Pegasus)

Secretary: Lesley Brinklow
(Mum to Erin in Cygnus)

Treasurer: Kath Gamage
(Mum to Evie in Phoenix)

On the 1st September we will be saying our fond farewells to Clare Bryant-Ball, who has served on the

FoSPs' committee for many years. Clare has organised many super fundraising events in the past, namely the very popular FilmClubs and Santa's Grotto, which all the children thoroughly enjoyed, and raised a fantastic amount of funding for the school. She will be very much missed by us all!

We will be holding our **AGM** at the end of September. Everyone is welcome. The Report and Accounts for 2019-2020 will be approved and trustees will be elected for the coming year. Look out for further

details and the date in September. If you are keen to join us as a trustee or a volunteer and would like further information please email:
friendsofstpetersalvescot@gmail.com

FOSPS MEMBERSHIP

A very warm welcome to all our new parents. If you wish to become a member of the Friends of St. Peter's please fill out the attached **GDPR FoSPs Membership Form** and email it to office@stpeters.oxon.sch.uk