

# PTA Newsletter

## Spring 2018

Dear Parents, Relatives and Friends,

Firstly, a massive thank you to everyone who supported our recent events this term. We raised £220 from the disco, £211.75 from the jumble sale, £100 from bags for schools and approx. £263 from the bingo night. Amazing, thanks every one!!

### ***Exciting plans for the school grounds...***

There are plans in place to replace the track around the outside of the school field, build an outdoor classroom in the space by the bike sheds and also put in some new play equipment. This is a really expensive project so the work will be done in stages with the track replacement and outdoor classroom being completed first, hopefully to be installed during the summer holidays. The designs will be on display in the hall so please pop in to have a look and give any feedback. This is a great opportunity to see how the money we all help raise will be used to provide an exciting and fun outside area that all of our children can enjoy for many years to come.

FOSS will be giving a substantial amount of money to this project so please continue to support our efforts as we need to replace our funds for the next stage of the project.

### ***Go Miss Robinson!... (Did you know she has a superpower?)***



Our very own Miss Robinson who teaches Woodpecker class will be running in the London Marathon on 22<sup>nd</sup> April. All the money she raises through sponsorship will be put toward the new school track and outdoor equipment, a heartfelt thank you Miss Robinson for your kindness. Please let's do all we can to show our support for such a fantastic effort, you can sponsor Miss Robinson via her fund raising page on MyDonate. <https://mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/jennyrobinson1> There are also paper sponsorship forms available from the office which you can take around your family, friends and work place. Please tick the box for gift aid to be reclaimed if you are a UK tax payer as this gives us an extra 25p for every £1 raised.

### ***Coming up next term...***

#### **Disco - Fri 11<sup>th</sup> May 2018, EYFS & KS1 6pm – 7pm, KS2 7pm – 8pm**

Tickets cost £1 each, including a drink and will be on sale from the school office w/c Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May. The FOSS will be selling soft drinks, crisps and cakes on the night along with a selection of glow stick items. Any offers of help for either session or donating cakes to sell would be much appreciated.

#### **Family sponsored walk – Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> May (postponed from March 18<sup>th</sup>)**

This sponsored walk is organised by the Stratford sub castle community to raise funds for their defibrillator appeal. It starts at the school gates at 11am and Stratford

school pupils and their families are encouraged to join in the walk to Old Sarum and picnic there. Sponsorship forms are available from the school office and further details can be found here:

<http://www.stratfordsubcastle.org.uk/new/news/update-defibrillator-fundraising>

### **Bottle Week – w/c 11<sup>th</sup> June**

The bottle tombola is always very popular attraction at the June Fayre and 'bottle week' is the time for bringing your donated bottles into school. There are points awarded for different types of bottles and Mrs Bridson awards a prize for the class who collect the most points.

There will be more information about this in the school newsletter nearer the time.

### **June Fayre – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June 6pm**

The June Fayre is fast approaching and this year's theme is 'Up and Down'. It is the highlight of our summer calendar and a very popular event. In the weeks leading up to the June fayre we will be asking for donations for our adult, children's and teddy tombola stalls.

If you fancy helping out, either with the organizing, setting up or on the night helping with a stall then please let us know. We always welcome new volunteers and the more we have the more we are able to rotate people on the night so they can enjoy the event and spend some time with their children.

### ***Next FOSS meeting date – Weds 16<sup>th</sup> May, 7pm in the staff room***

**Class representatives needed...** The success of FOSS events is entirely dependent on the school staff, organisers, helpers and the wonderful parents, carers and friends who turn up to support those events. Being able to communicate about what we do is really important to us and helps make our events run more smoothly. We are looking for 1 or 2 parents from each class who will become the contact that all parents can go to for FOSS information. If this is something you would like to be part of then please speak to Sam Vigor for more info. We would ask that those who put themselves forward as representatives are able to make it to the meetings so they can voice the ideas and thoughts of the parents.

**Watch this space... Pop up shops by the school gates will start again in after Easter. Let us know if you have an idea for one, or any other fund raising ideas you have or events you would like to see.**

If you would like to get involved with any FOSS activities please contact Sam Vigor, Kerry Fitzsimmons, Trudy Chenery or Isabel Habert. There is no obligation to come to the meetings or help regularly, a few hours when you are able would be just fine.



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**Finally, the FOSS would like to say a big thank you to all the wonderful parents, teachers, helpers and children who support us at our events.**

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