



FOPS UPDATE

Friends of Pebmarsh School



Happy New Year!

FOPS met with Miss Gage at the start of January and have been busy planning events for 2024 as well as discussing how FOPS funds can be spent!

Details are shared in this newsletter.

As you know, school budgets are tighter than ever and the money FOPS raise provides educational and recreational items/activities that benefit all children at St John the Baptist CEVA Primary School.

Thank you for your continued support.

How you can get involved...

If you would like to help with planning, organising and/or running fundraising events, have ideas on how funds can be raised and spent, have items to donate and/or are happy to give some of your time to support our lovely school, you can contact FOPS either via the school office or by email:

contactFOPS@gmail.com

FOPS is made up entirely of volunteers just like you and the more people involved – the better for all!

How do school use the money FOPS raise?

FOPS have agreed to regularly donate funds to cover:

- *Transport costs to the annual pantomime;
- *TT Rockstars subscription;
- *An allocation for each class to support their specific wishes.

So far this year, FOPS have also approved funds to purchase:

- *SLS Juniper Service which loans artefacts/books etc directly related to our curriculum topics
 - *Outside storage equipment and wellies to improve the use of our outdoor learning facilities
- Miss Gage is exploring costs for other items which will benefit all children, including a swing and a target buzzer game. This is to encourage outdoor play and learning as much as possible given we are fortunate to have so much outside space.

So – what's on this year?

To help FOPS raise the funds for our school, here's the current planned events:

Friday 9th February
Bingo Night

Friday 22nd March
School Disco

Friday 7th June
Quiz Night

Saturday 22nd June
Summer Fete

Friday 5th July
(back-up date Fri 12th July)
Camping Festival

Friday 18th October
School Movie Night

Friday 6th December
School Disco

Saturday 7th December
Christmas Fayre

I've never volunteered before... what can I do?

FOPS always need help before, during and after events – from planning and purchasing, to setting up and serving and then tidying away and counting the takings!

No special skills or experience is required – just a willingness to give some of your time to help – and have fun!

- * Cake / ice-cream sales
- * Weekend 'Working Parties' to do jobs around the school (gardening/painting etc)
- * Printing or designing posters
- * Contacting suppliers
- * Generating raffle prizes
- * Attending events
- * Donating items
- * Spreading the word about FOPS events
- * FOPS Committee roles and Chair/Treasurer/Secretary

What you can do TODAY!

Miss Gage has immediate plans to revamp the outdoor learning and play areas.

To make these more accessible and as interactive as possible, the following are urgently required:

Wellies – useable condition - all sizes from child UK8 for the EYFS children up to adult UK5 for those in Yr 6

Tyres – please contact FOPS for an update as we have made some initial enquiries

Bark – for play and digging and to create drier learning areas

Sand – for play

Buckets and spades – useable condition please

Amazon wish list – these items are shipped straight to school: <https://amzn.eu/9hPbqMV>

Everyday items – School always welcomes donations of new bottles of Calpol and whiteboard pens!

NEXT FOPS MEETING IS ON FRIDAY 19th JANUARY AT 2PM IN SCHOOL

COME & JOIN IN - EVERYONE WELCOME!