



## FOSA NEWS

Greetings from the FOSA team!

There's lots going on between now and Christmas for you to enjoy and hopefully get involved in.

First though, we would like to extend a very warm welcome to all the new families who have joined us in Green class and elsewhere in school this term. It was great that so many new parents came to our first FOSA meetings, but there's always room for more. So, if you want to get involved, please feel free to come along to our next meeting. There will be biscuits!

There have been a quite a few new faces in FOSA this year too and we are delighted that Selina McKee has taken over as the new Chair of FOSA. She is joined by Christa McKee-Lerbs as Vice Chair, Mairi McComb as Treasurer and Sylvia Hoad as Secretary. We would like to extend a very big thank you to former co-chairs Fiona North and Lisa Marshall for all their dedication and hard work over the last couple of years.

FOSA's efforts, with your help, really do make a massive difference to our children's school lives. Thanks to funds raised by you, we have now paid off the last £7,000 instalment towards the outside play equipment, which has transformed lunch and playtimes for the kids. Details of the next exciting project we will be raising money for will be announced soon. Watch this space!

Remember, too, that you can also raise money for the school by shopping through The Giving Machine. And it doesn't cost you a penny! Simply sign up at [www.thegivingmachine.co.uk](http://www.thegivingmachine.co.uk), add West Chiltington School as your cause and then every time you shop at Sainsbury's, Tesco and many others high-street stores, you will generate funds for the school.

A big thank you to all those who baked or ate cake for the Macmillan coffee morning back in September. We raised an impressive £340 for this fantastic charity which makes such a difference to families in need of support.

Looking ahead, **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December** is going to be a busy day – not only is it our annual Christmas Fair (more below), but it's also the date of the mums' and dads' **Christmas Party**. Please join us for drinks, music and nibbles. It's only



£2.50 and that includes a prize draw to win a bottle of Nyetimber bubbly. Bargain! Venue is The Queens Head, December 8<sup>th</sup>, 7.30pm onwards.

Catch Meika or Lisa from Orange class for tickets in the playground (you may have already seen them in their festive jumpers selling tickets in the playground). Alternatively, contact email: [meika100@hotmail.com](mailto:meika100@hotmail.com).

### CHRISTMAS FAIR

Our next major fundraising event will be the **Christmas Fair**, which will be held on December 8<sup>th</sup>, 3-5.15pm.

There will be the usual array of games, homemade goodies and tombolas, with performances from the school choir to jolly things along.

The adults' and children's tombolas are always hugely popular at the Christmas Fair and to help ensure we have lots of lovely goodies, the school will hold a non-uniform day on **Friday December 1**. Instead of donating money to wear their own gear, we will be asking for donations for the adults and children's tombolas. Anything in new condition will do – bottles of wine are always welcome for the adult tombola!

The ever popular craft competition is back, sponsored by Henry Adams. This year, the children are being asked to make a Christmas stocking. They can make it out of anything they like, but it does need to hold something special which Father Christmas may bring on Christmas Eve. All entries need to be in school no later than the morning of December 8<sup>th</sup>, ready for judging.

For budding Mary Berry or Paul Hollywood wannabes out there, it's time to don your aprons and waggle those wooden spoons! The Winter Fair is hosting its first ever **Family Bake Off** competition. It's open to parents and children – all we ask is that your bake have a Christmas theme. All the bakes will be sold after judging in the Christmas café (other cake donations for the café are also most welcome!).

We plan to include a few external stalls this year at the fair, so if you know of anyone interested in booking a place (just £15 a pitch) please pass on their details to Selina McKee.



Also, keep an eye out for tickets for the Grand Raffle which should be coming home soon in book bags very soon. There are always great prizes available, including John Lewis vouchers, a luxury hamper and champagne afternoon tea for two! If you need more tickets, then please contact your class rep and please remember to hand back any unsold tickets.

Finally, Santa's Grotto is returning to the fair. In order to make this a success, please make sure to attend at your allocated time slot. More info to follow.

## **Christmas Fair Checklist**

The success of the Christmas Fair very much depends on your support, so we really appreciate anything you can do to make the even go with a festive bang!

- Hang onto those empty jam jars and please start filling them with sweets or treats for the hoopla
- Dig out any unwanted 'as new' items for the tombolas
- Rotas for the stalls will be sent out nearer the time. We normally only ask each family to look after a stall for around 15 to 20 minutes. Your class reps will be sending out a request for help soon, so please watch your in-boxes
- Come along on December 8th, spend a few pennies and enjoy yourselves!

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

1 December – Non-uniform day. Children come to school in their own clothes in exchange for a prize for the child or adult tombola

8 December – Christmas Fair, 3pm to 5.15pm.

8 December – Deadline for Christmas Stocking competition and Family Bake Off competition. Please bring all entries in by 11am for judging.

8 December – Mums and Dads Christmas Party. Queens Head.7.30pm