

Dear Parents,

### **Welcome to the new term from FoSM**

It's the new term and the FoSM team are ready to go for what I hope will be another brilliant year of social and fundraising events for our parent community! We raised an amazing ~£33K for the school last year, an incredible achievement for all of us, but we need to keep going and do the same again this year, so please keep contributing to FoSM! To improve our communications, we are launching a brand new online system called "Classlist", please read the section on this below. I do hope you all have a great autumn term, please read on to see what FoSM has planned....

### **FoSM communications – launching "Classlist"**

FoSM are pleased to announce a brand new online communication system called "Classlist". Parents are given the choice to register with Classlist, upload the app and benefit from features such as mobile friendly class contact lists, create class and year group events, create discussion groups, ask questions of other parents and many more brilliant features. This online system allows you to enter, manage and update the personal information that you wish to share with your child's year group - you have full control over which of your contact details are shared. FoSM will use Classlist as our primary form of communication, so please look out for emails and notifications from Classlist. Over the next couple of weeks, parents who returned their FoSM GDPR forms will receive an emailed invite from FoSM via Classlist, please sign-up straight away and get connected. Any questions, please email chair.fosm@googlemail.com, or please give me or Georgina a shout in the playground.

### **FoSM funds for air conditioning at Middle Site**

Over the summer holidays air conditioning for classrooms at the Middle Site were installed and tested. We hear the teachers on the Middle Site are jumping for joy! This project was a major spend for FoSM and we are truly grateful to all the parents who have supported our fundraising over the years, you have made this possible, thank you!

### **Autumn term cake sale dates**

Monday autumn cake sales are coming up, so please bake or buy generously! Money raised goes directly to your year group resources. Please see FoSM newsletter 18.7.18 for info on how the money was spent last academic year.

#### **Mondays: Autumn Term**

24<sup>th</sup> September - Year 5

1<sup>st</sup> October - Year 2

8<sup>th</sup> October - Year 1

15<sup>th</sup> October - Year 6

5<sup>th</sup> November - Year 3

12<sup>th</sup> November - Reception

19<sup>th</sup> November - Year 4

### **AGM & New Parents Evening - Monday 8th October**

Our FoSM AGM will be at 6pm on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> October at the Infant Site, all are invited. This is followed by the new parents evening where St. Mary's staff and FoSM representatives will give introductions. Another great opportunity to meet other parents and the FoSM team!

### **FoSM Quiz and Curry night - Friday 9th November**

Get the babysitters booked for our FoSM Quiz and Curry night on Friday 9th November. Mr Williams is returning for a guest appearance as our quizmaster - a fundraising evening not to be missed!

### **Christmas Fair & Tree Sale - Saturday 8th December**

Put a date in the diary for the FoSM Christmas Fair & Tree Sale. Loads of Christmas fun – Santa's grotto, food, stalls, games, bar, music, tombola, crafts, face & nail painting and more!

### **FoSM Eco Lead – position available**

Over the last year we have identified a number of eco-projects in and around the school grounds that need some willing volunteers to get them up and running. If you are interested in improving our school greenspaces or are just keen to help out, please email me at [chair.fosm@googlemail.com](mailto:chair.fosm@googlemail.com) and I will give you more details.

### **FoSM on Facebook**

<https://www.facebook.com/FoSM-341208149309335/>

### **Easyfundraising for FoSM**

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friendsofstmarystwick/?t=PTA-UK-li&u=CPPREK>

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Kindest Regards

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