



Friends of St. Annes (FOSA)
Parent Teacher Association (PTA)
Newsletter September 2018

Welcome to all the new families that have joined St. Anne's since the last PTA newsletter. We hope everyone has had a good start to the new academic year and children have settled in quickly. Friends of St. Annes (FOSA) is the parent teacher association (PTA) that raises funds for the school through a variety of different activities and events held throughout the year.

Thanks

A massive thank you to all the families, friends, parishioners, teachers and companies who donated and volunteered last year. From the last few events; cake sale at church, the immense effort of the dads who did the three peak challenge, and the summer celebration, £7,401.82 was raised for the all-weather golden mile track. Well done to those involved and thank you to everyone who donated and supported. Here is a mention from the dads shortly after completing their challenge... 'Well we did it. There were peaks and troughs along the way. We had a laugh. We spent hours on a minibus, smelt like we hadn't showered for a month and are walking like John Wayne this evening but it was all worth it. A massive thank you to all our supporters and especially our welcome home committee.'



Such a great effort from these Dads and many thanks again for raising so much money for the running track which all the children will benefit from.

During 2017-2018 from the various FOSA events held, £441.43 was raised and given to Mrs Mosely and Mrs Kelly for equipment needed in reception and year one, and FOSA contributed £3100 towards the music lessons children receive in school in years 3, 4 and 5.

Survey

Before Easter break 2018, we asked families to complete a FOSA 'wish-list' survey- to help us target fundraising. We asked families for their top 3 'wish list' for the school and any fundraising ideas you or your children have. A big thank you for all the response we got! The top 3 wish-list responses were

- (i) running track
- (ii) educational trips and
- (iii) sports/IT equipment

There were some great fund raising ideas and a recurring theme was definitely sponsored events. Please keep your ideas coming and the comments box is still in the school reception so please leave your suggestions in the box and if you would like to organise an event to fundraise for the school, let FOSA folk know and we can help out in any way we can.

Match funding

Many companies throughout the UK offer employees the chance to boost their fundraising efforts by 'matching' the money they raise. It really is money for nothing, and FOSA could double the amount of cash we raise with very little effort. A lot of companies participate as this is a part of their corporate social responsibility. You can approach your human resources department and enquire about it or speak to a member of FOSA or leave your details in the comment box and we will get back to you.

Two of our lovely parents participated in our Summer BBQ and their employers matched the fundraising event accordingly. So thank you very much for taking time to apply for Matched Funding Graham Sim and his Employer ASOS for £200 and Anne-Louise Kekic and her employer Barclays for £1,000.

Future Events

Bedtime Stories returns on 4th October 6-7pm at school, £2 per child in reception, year 1 and year 2, younger siblings welcome also. Dress in PJs and dressing gowns, includes a drink of milk and a biscuit for the children, as well as refreshments on sale for adults in the hall whilst the children go to the classrooms for story time. Pay on the door.

Fireworks (Blitz fireworks display) returns Friday 2nd November at the school-keep the date in the diary! Tickets will be on sale soon.

FOSA Parent Representatives and parent involvement

If you would like to be involved in any of the FOSA events, meetings to help plan the events, baking, manning a stall, volunteering in any way (we are always looking for more people to help make each event a success) please get in touch via the suggestion box in the foyer, email fosa@gmail.com or via the facebook page F.O.S.A (friends of St Annes, Nantwich) and as ever we always need people to come to the events and spend money! Being involved with the PTA is a great way to support the school, meet other parents, have fun, make new friends and show our community spirit.

We aim to have two parent representatives for each class to assist with spreading the word and coordinating for events that classes are involved with, like the summer celebration, we will confirm who these are in the next newsletter and anyone who would like to volunteer please do, there is not much to it and you will make new friends and be supported!

Next meeting is at the Leopard Pub Tuesday 25th September 2018 7.30pm new faces always welcome!

Many thanks for taking the time to read this newsletter and thank you for your support in helping to raise funds for our school.