



# NEWSLETTER

## Cropwell Bishop Friends of School

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Hello parents and carers,

We hope you and your children have settled well into the academic year and that you are all looking forward to Christmas! We thought it would be a good idea to provide an introduction to Friends of School for parents that have just joined and a refresher for others. We also want to provide an update on our fundraising activities, where the money we raise goes and future dates for your diary!

### What is Friends of School?

Friends of School (FOS) is a registered charity comprising a small group of parent volunteers who work together to raise funds for additional school resources which directly benefit our children. The more support we get from parents and families the more positive the impact we can make for our school. We are very keen to have more people join FOS and there are lots of different ways you could provide support.

### Some Recent Fundraising Activities

#### Stilton Stumble

The Stilton Stumble 10 k took place in November and was a great success with around 450 participants. This is a fantastic collaboration between FOS and the Scouts and raised over **£5,000** for the school and Scouts. Thank you to all the people that supported this event.



#### Family Evening



Our William the Wizard evening was enjoyed by all who attended. The wizard did an excellent show for the children and then visited each table during the evening and wowed everyone with his magic. Then food was fabulous and a great evening was had by all. The added bonus was that it raised **£300**. Thank you to everyone who supported this event.

### Christmas Artwork Sales—Raised over **£300!**

Thanks to those that purchased the Christmas cards etc, we hope you agree they looked great. Special thanks to teachers and Mrs Harries for turning the class artwork round so quickly!

### A snapshot of what we raised in 2016/2017





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## Fundraise for FOS Whilst you Shop!

The Co-Op Local Community Fund

Thank you to all Co-Op Members that chose to support FOS as their charity as part of the Co-Op Members Local Community Fund. The Co-OP presented FOS with a cheque for **£1465.75** which is brilliant! This equates to 1% of the total amount of money spent on Co-Op branded purchasing.....!



### Easy Fundraising

An easy way of supporting the school is through [easyfundraising.org.uk](http://easyfundraising.org.uk). Search for 'Friends of Cropwell Bishop Primary School', click to join us and then register—takes 2 mins. Follow the links to well known retailers and purchase from their websites and they donate a percentage of what you have spent....easy!!! . We've raised **£1,070** in the last two years - amazing!

*In 2016/17 FOS raised over £9,000 for the school. We could not have done this without the support of committed parents and volunteers.*

*Thank you!*

## What the money raised funds...

The money raised makes a huge difference and directly benefits our children. The new garden is an amazing new facility for all the children to enjoy. Examples of funding includes.....

**Duck Eggs for Class R**  
**£250**

**Garden**  
**£6,000**

**Work Books, reading books and Library material**  
**£3,000**

## Future plans for funds...

Future spending plans include an interactive screen for the hall, iPads, outdoor play equipment and a pond.

## Upcoming dates for your diaries

We would love you to support our future events so please pop these events in your diary!

Date	Event	Info
Friday 9 March	Spring term disco	£2.50 per child
Friday 25 May	Summer Term Disco	£2.50 per child
June (date TBC)	Summer Garden Party	
Saturday 1 July	Summer Fair	

## Would you like to join or support FOS?

We'd be delighted to welcome new members to FOS, so don't be shy! Approach any of the FOS members in the playground, for a chat to understand more about what and how we do things. You're bound to have a skill or talent that could benefit FOS and our fundraising activities. It is really rewarding and a terrific opportunity to get to know other parents and that little bit more about the school too! Read more about FOS here.

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