

Newsletter: FOBS Update - Oct 22

Welcome to the first FOBS update of 22-23. We've started the year full-on, with our **Welcome Back Bash** which took place on September 24th straight after school. This gave us a chance to say a proper **Hello** to the new parents that have joined our school. It was a beautiful September day, we had fingers and toes crossed, hoping that it wouldn't rain, although the skies were threatening to open upon us, every now and then. It was an amazing event where the people evolved in organising and running it, came together. All too soon, the kids were out and it was lovely to see everyone enjoying themselves. We officially opened our **Outside Learning Space**, that popped up over the summer holidays, thanks to kind donations and a grant from Renewable Energy Systems Limited.

Our Welcome Back Bash was a success. We raised a wonderful amount of

Thank You to all our sponsors, donors, bakers and helpers.

Mr Halliday for the wonderful flowers in our planters on the Outside Learning Space. Last but not the least, to Kerry, for all her help during her time with FOBS.

WBB
£1130

Pumpkin Carving Competition, with Halloween on the way, prepare your carving kit, the competition is on.

I know, it seems too soon to mention XMAS, but its getting closer and we are delighted to announce that we've started our preparations. Information will come closer to the event. We'll keep you posted.

KATH, we couldn't let you go without an official **Thank You**, for all your outstanding work and dedication over the last years as FOBS Chair. For bringing us together, coordinating events, bringing FOBS into the 21st Century and for all your help with WBB this year, even though you no longer have children at the school. You were a true leader that I hope not to disappoint. Thank you for all the cuddles and pieces of advice that were given at the right time. You will be terribly missed. We'll see you around.

Team FOBS XX



What'sApp Groups

We have a few unofficial What'sApp groups that have been set up by parents that have proved to be really helpful in being a place where we can ask questions and remind each other. There's one big group and each class has a group too. If you aren't in these groups and would like to be please email or message us with your name and phone number and we'll add you. We also have a FOBS Noticeboard where there's no chat, we just post info that might be useful reminders. Use the QR code to join.

Bake raffle

Our Bake Raffle competition will start after half term. We are looking for new bakers to join our team. Please talk to Jenny if you are able to bake once a term. Don't worry, if you missed joining the cake raffle one week, don't worry, you can always join in the following week, by emailing us and sending the money to our bank account. That will get you subscribed for how many weeks you've paid for. You can buy the tickets per term or alternatively you can buy tickets from the shelter every Friday morning – tickets are £1 each.

Recycling

Existing parents will know that we have a recycling scheme for a whole range of different things. This scheme sees us collecting often hard to recycle plastic packaging, sending them off for processing and receiving money in return. There's more info on our Facebook page and the FOBS pages of the school website. Over the page you'll find a quick summary. If you have any questions you can ask us on email or via Facebook.

Our bank details

Account name: Friends of Bradfield Primary School

Sort code: 20-22-67 Account number: 6071 9242

Please make sure you add an appropriate reference (e.g. Bake or Raffle), especially if your surname is different to your child's. *Please send us an email confirming.*



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Bag2School Recycling Scheme – We have a collection twice a year,. You can bring your bags in any Thursday and we can store them in the bunker. More details can be found on the FOBS Website: Fobsatheathroad@hotmail.co.uk or message us on 07956468907.

Your FOBS

For those that don't know, **FOBS** stands for **Friends of Bradfield School**. It's an appropriate name because we are a friendly bunch of volunteers who do a whole range of things to raise money and help organise events for our school community. There are 15 of us in the team this year and between us, we have children in every class. We'll try to make ourselves known to new parents so you know who we are!

Cristina – Chair	Jenny – Vice Chair				
Hannah – Treasurer	Nicola – Secretary				
Jo	Claire	Lou	April	Laura	Vicky
Sally	Sarah	Stacey	Becka	Gemma	

We are supported by a number of brilliant parents who help out at events and with jobs like recycling or painting sheds. We have some projects that we could really do with some help on. We'll share more information about these, as and when, to see if anyone can help.

We have welcomed some new members, especially as a few have left or will be moving on soon as our children leave the school.

If you think you'd like to find out more, come and talk to us on a Friday morning in the shelter or you can always drop a message or an email too.

We'd love to hear your suggestions for fundraising ideas. There's a suggestion box in the school reception area.

I believe that's everything for now! All our fundraising efforts from last year are on the school website under **FOBS** – you were all amazing and we are incredibly grateful for your support!

Best wishes
Cristina McCarthy
Team FOBS

Here's a reminder of the schemes that we have joined that we can earn money from:

- **Crisp packets** - any size, any brand, and including the multipack outer wrapper
- **Pringles tubes and lids** - any size, but only Pringles
- **Nuts and snacks** - popcorn, lentil crisps, peanuts, foil backed plastic nut packaging, rice cakes (any size, including the multipack outer wrapper)
- **Biscuit and cake bar wrappers** - the plastic wrappers from any brand of biscuit, cracker or cake bars, and the multipack cakes and biscuits (incl. cheddars packaging)
- **Personal Care and Beauty packaging** – e.g. packaging from face cleaning wipes, liquid soap pumps, moisturisers, tubes of cleanser
- **Oral hygiene** – tooth brushes (but not ones with batteries in them), heads from electric toothbrushes, toothpaste tubes, cardboard cartons from tooth paste tubes
- **Chocolate and sweets wrappers** (any size, any brand) including **Kinder** and **Ferrero Rocher**
- **Home hygiene** - outer flexible plastic packaging of dishwasher tablets/floor wipes, trigger sprays
- **Print cartridges** any type of home print cartridge
- **Pens and pencils.**
- **Coffee Packaging** - any brand
- **Bottle Tops** – Plastic all sizes and shapes
- **Food Storage Container and Reusable Bottles**- Bottles that children take to school.

- ✓ Please sort recycling into the different types (as per the list), flattening packaging where possible
- ✓ Use bread bags, or multipack bags to separate the different types
- ✗ We can't accept - glass or hard plastic packaging such as meat trays; plastic packaging that doesn't fit into one of the schemes (e.g. pasta bags, dried fruit bags); tetrapak packaging, any pet food packaging or yogurt packaging.

We'll be sorting recycling on Thursday morning. If you could spare 30 minutes every so often please let us know. We'll post in the Bradfield School Info WhatsApp group when we're sorting each week. Full training given!

We need **cardboard boxes** with the dimensions 60 cm x 60cm x 50cm – the recycling company won't accept anything bigger. If you have any, bring them along to the shelter.

Thank you for supporting us.