

FOBS Update – Sept '21

Welcome to the first FOBS update of 21-22. We've started the year with full-on planning and preparation for our **Welcome Back Bash** which is taking place on September 24th straight after school. This will be our first chance to be together since December 2019, and will give us a chance to say a proper Hello to the new parents that have joined us both this and last year.

On **Monday** the children can come in to school in **non-uniform** in return for:

Chocolate – KS1 (Bramley and Pippin)

Bottles – KS2 (Discovery and Blenheim)

There will be a bag by each classroom door for you to put your donation in. If you forget, don't worry, you won't be in the only one! And your child doesn't have to come in non-uniform.

You'll have seen the requests for raffle prizes, teddies, cakes and cookies and helpers to get ready on the day and man stalls hopefully on the flyers sent out on Parentmail on Thursday. Please email the FOBS email address or message us on Facebook if you can help.

Our **raffle** will be launched next week – we're having proper tickets again and tickets will cost 50p each. Each child will bring two books (of 10 tickets) home. If you need more please ask in the shelter by the gate at drop-off (pre-pandemic this was the Cake Raffle shelter). Please don't feel you have to buy all the raffle tickets. You can return any that don't get bought to the shelter. You should return the completed stub section and correct monies in the envelop provided into class. You can pay for the raffle tickets by bank transfer by Thursday 23rd. We'll then give you any extra tickets you need.



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What'sApp Groups

We have a few informal 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

Information about this came out via parentmail on Thursday and at the beginning of the week. If you missed joining this week you can join next week by emailing us and sending £11 to our bank account. That will get you subscribed for one ticket per week for the rest of the term. Or 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

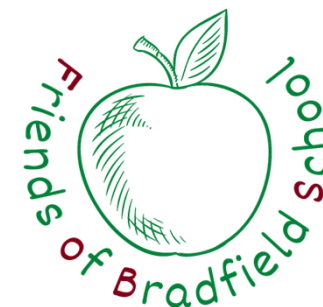
Account name: *Friends of Bradfield Primary School*

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.



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FOBS Noticeboard

WhatsApp group



Clothes and accessories – we have a collection booked for **22nd November**. 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.

Your FOBS

For those of you 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 11 us in the team 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!

Kath – Chair	Jo – Vice Chair
Hannah – Treasurer	Charlotte – Secretary
Jenny Claire	Lou Cristina
Tracey Kerry	Rachel

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 to see if anyone can help.

We'd love to welcome some new members, especially as a few of us will be moving on soon as our children leave the school.

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

We'd love to hear your suggestions for fund raising ideas. There's a suggestion box in the school reception area, or you can always email or message us.

I think that's everything for now! I will do an update on our fundraising efforts from last year very soon – you were all amazing and we are incredibly grateful!

Best wishes
Kath

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)
- **Pet food packaging** – plastic, foil backed packaging such as dry food bags or wet food sachets
- **Ella's kitchen baby food / yogurt pouches** (with plastic lids).
- **Home hygiene** - outer flexible plastic packaging of dishwasher tablets/floor wipes, trigger sprays
- **Print cartridges** any type of home print cartridge
- **Pens and pencils**

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

Wash out and dry wet pet food / baby food and yogurt packaging

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

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 Mums 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 wont accept anything bigger. If you have any, bring them along to the shelter.