



Newsletter - January 2019

Welcome to the first FOBS newsletter of 2019!

We'll be writing a newsletter at the start of each term to keep you up to date with the successes of the fundraising activities from the previous term and the details of the upcoming events that we have planned. We'll also be letting you know how we are using the money you donate to support the children and the school.

A bit about FOBS

Our aim is to run fundraising activities for the families and friends of the children at school, so we can then help to provide extra-curricular activities for the children to enjoy.

The parent team are: Kath Reid, Kerry Jennings, Jo Hunt, Hannah Morsley, Claire Bannister, Jenny Lord, Tracey Rawe, Sarah Muller, Rebecca Earl, Lou Thomas-Unger and Roberta Graves. Hopefully you know who at least one or two of us are – I think there is a parent from each year group!

We are a great team, full of friendly people, and it has been really lovely to have so many of us to help organise events and come up with new ideas. *But!* We do always need extra helpers. If you fancy joining us, or helping out at an event just speak to one of the FOBS team.



We have a Facebook page where we share news and info about fundraising activities and things to remember about school – search for "EssexFOBS" to find us.

Autumn term - always one of the busiest!

Over 60 children took part in the pumpkin carving competition this, with prizes for each year group provided by FOBS. It was great to see imagination's gone wild!



Christmas Crafternoon

For just £5 each, the children got to make four different Christmassy crafts and hopefully you parents and carers got to enjoy a little bit more quiet time, or even some Christmas shopping! Thank you to Karen Jones for co-ordinating this – she is a craft wizard!



The Fayre is one of the 'big events' we organise each year. It takes quite a bit of planning beforehand and lots of generosity from you. Thank you for sending in the donations for the hampers and tombola. We raised an amazing **£1,575.87** from the Secret Auction, Raffle, Fayre and the Secret Present Wrapping!

We also...

... collected lots of food and sanitary items through the **Harvest Festival for Manningtree Food Bank**; bought a **book for each child for Christmas** and the **crackers for the Christmas Lunch** and covered the cost of the trip to see **Peter Pan at Princes Theatre**.

Spring term - FOBS dates for your diary



'Phil' the Bag™

Recycling with over 10,000 schools, PTA's, clubs and charities
Friday 1st March 2019
Drop your bags of unwanted clothes, shoes, bed linen, curtains, belt or bags in to school before 9am ready for collection.



Other stuff!

Cake raffle – every Friday. Tickets can be bought from the Cake Stall; or you can use the subscription form to sign up for the term (ask Hannah about this).



Easyfundraising is a way to raise money for the school, with no cost to you, while you shop on-line. Search for "Friends of Bradfield School, Manningtree" to join our cause. So far we have raised £1210.56!

We need your help! – we are looking for therapists and stall holders for our Pamper Night. Please tell anyone you think might be interested about it, and pass their details to us so we can let them know more.