

Newsletter

Firstly, we'd like to welcome all the new parents of the reception children who started and hope they all had a wonderful first term.

For those parents and carers who are not aware the Friends of Emneth Academy has been running now for a little over a year. We fundraise throughout the year in order to assist Emneth Academy in providing the "little extras" for all our children and to support the Enrichment Programme. Last year we held various competitions, social events both within school and the wider community which, helps promote good relations between staff, parents, our children and the community. We had a fabulous year and raised an excess of £4,000.00.

We ended the year with a Community Family Bingo Night on the last day of term raising the school an amazing amount.



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

We held our Annual General Meeting on Monday 30th October, thank you to all those that attended. We elected our Committee Members for the academic year 2023/2024 as follows: -

Chair: Emma Welbourn

Secretary: Sarah Kilby

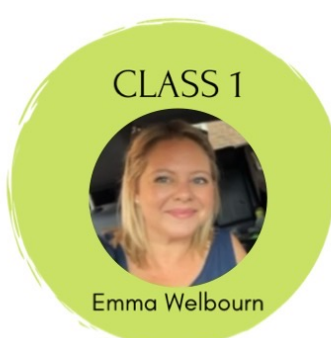
Treasurer: Kerry Wheeler

CLASS REPRESENTATIVES

Your class representatives are those who form a communication line between parents and the FOSA Team. They are all super friendly and highly approachable. We can confirm that our Class Representatives for this academic year are as follows: -



Class Representatives



PLANS FOR THE UP-AND-COMING YEAR

FOSA has agreed to fund the following events:

- All Christmas crackers for the school Christmas lunch.
- All prizes for World Book Day, KS1 Easter Bonnet Parade and all competitions hosted by FOSA.
- £450 to be divided between each year group (R-YR6) plus Mrs Skate and Miss Morgan for smaller individual items needed as the year progresses.
- Fully fund a whole school Experience Day in March 2024
- Fully fund the Year 6 SAT's breakfasts in May.
- Fully fund a whole school activity for the opening of Sports Week estimated at £500.
- Provide stickers for all children participating the Sports Day.
- Fully fund the whole school trip in the summer term in order this can be offered for free to all parents.

FOSA CO-ORDINATORS

This year some of our Active Members have taken on specific roles in order to help distribute the time spent organising each event. Ideally we would like two volunteers for each area so it doesn't fall to one individual. If you feel like you would like to offer your time or for more information please contact anyone from FOSA.

Our Co-Ordinators so far are as follows:

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| Costs: | Jo George |
| Pre-loved Uniform: | Nicola Finch |
| School Disco Tickets: | Gill Beckett and Marianna Copper-Beckett |
| Non-Uniform Day: | Penny Ladds |
| Noticeboard: | Sarah Kilby |
| Cauliflower Cards: | Vicki Elliott |
| Raffle: | Currently Vacant |
| Pop-Up Shop: | Currently Vacant |
| Eco-Fundraising: | Kerry Wheeler |
| Donations: | Currently Vacant |

CHRISTMAS JUMPERS

As you are all aware Christmas Jumper day at school is 7th December 2023. We shall be holding a Pre-loved Uniform sale in November where you will be able to purchase pre-loved Christmas Jumpers also.

If anyone has any pre-loved Christmas jumpers you would like to donate, please leave these at Reception or give to your Class Representatives as soon as possible.



VOLUNTEERS



We are desperate for more volunteers to help at our events.

You don't have to volunteer for every event, become a Committee Member or even attend the meetings but we are desperate for people to man stalls and help at our events. More volunteers enables us to raise more money for the children. We also love to hear your ideas regarding fundraising.

If you would like to become a volunteer please contact us.

On a personal note as Chair I would like to say thank you for the ongoing support from our Head Teacher, Mrs Huntington and Business Manager, Tracy Hall who deal with our many and varied queries with patience and understanding.

We also have some wonderful staff at Emneth Academy, who have happily given their own free time to help at events, answer many, many questions and assist where they can while we find our feet. Even though I feel like we are still trying to find our feet, all-be-it a little easier a year on, I have no doubt we will receive the same amount of support, enthusiasm and patience we have this year. Thank you to all staff at Emneth Academy, your help and assistance has been wonderful.

Thanks to Bob, Church Warden of St Edmunds Church and Lindzi Morgan for their support with the Easter Fun Day, the Friends of Emneth Academy look forward to discussing opportunities to co-operate in future fundraising events.

I would like to thank Vicki Elliott for doing such a fabulous job in her Treasurer's role. We now hold charity status which hopefully will enable us to look into Grants moving forward. Thank you to Penny Ladds for always being at the forefront helping and obtaining donations, especially for the Bingo. Thank you to Sarah Kilby for being our acting Secretary for this year, taking and recording all our meeting minutes. Thank you to Cristal Smith for all her help and organisation of the Bingo, the event would not have happened without her. A big thank you to those who go that extra mile for all events and meetings, your commitment and willingness to contribute has been incredible, your efforts ensures that the Friends of Emneth Academy continues to strengthen.

Thank you to all companies, members and local businesses who donated to us throughout the year. We are so blown away with everyones generosity.

And finally a thank you to all the parents, grandparents, careers and volunteers. As a committee, we may organise the events and fundraising but without your generosity and support we wouldn't be able to give the children what we have over the last year and moving forward into the up-and-coming year. We look forward to and even more successful 2023/2024



Dates for your Diary

| NOVEMBER | |
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| 24/11/2023 | Non-Uniform Day Tombola prize for the Christmas Fayre or £1 Donation |
| 27/11/2023 | FOSA Meeting 7pm - Sweet Things Savoury |
| DECEMBER | |
| TBC | Christmas Riddles and Anagram Competition Details to Follow |
| 07/12/2003 | Christmas Fayre 3.15pm - School Hall |
| JANUARY | |
| 29/01/2024 | FOSA Meeting 7pm - Sweet Things Savoury |
| FEBRUARY | |
| TBC | Valentines Poem Competition Details to Follow |
| 14/02/2024 | Non-Uniform Day - Red and/or Pink £1 Donation |
| 16/02/2024 | Race Night Emneth Central Hall Details to Follow |
| 26/02/2024 | FOSA Meeting Sweet Things Savoury 7pm |
| MARCH | |
| TBC | Easter Egg Decorating Competition Details to Follow |
| 06/03/2024 | Mother's Day Pop-Up Shop 3.15pm - School Hall |
| 07/03/2024 (World Book Day) | School Disco KS1 - 4.30pm - 5.30pm KS2 - 5.45pm - 6.45pm |
| 22/03/2024 | Non-Uniform - Dare to be Different Day Easter Chocolate Donation or £1 |

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| MARCH | |
| 25/03/2024 | FOSA Meeting 7pm - Sweet Things Savoury |
| APRIL | |
| TBC | Easter Fun Day Details to Follow |
| 29/04/2024 | FOSA Meeting 7pm - Sweet Things Savoury |
| MAY | |
| 24/05/2024 | Non-Uniform Day Rainbow Theme - Details to follow |
| 27/05/2024 | FOSA Meeting 7pm - Sweet Things Savoury |
| JUNE | |
| TBC | Photography Competition Theme "Something Summery that makes me Smile" Details to Follow |
| 06/06/2024 | Summer Fayre 3.15pm - School Field |
| 12/06/2024 | Father's Day Pop-Up Shop 3.15pm School Hall |
| 24/06/2024 | FOSA Meeting 7pm - Sweet Things Savoury |
| JULY | |
| 15/07/2024 | School Disco KS1 - 4.30pm - 5.30pm KS2 - 5.45pm - 6.45pm |
| 19/07/2024 | Bingo - Emneth Village Hall Doors Open 6.15pm Eyes Down 7.15pm |
| 29/07/2024 | FOSA Meeting 7pm - Sweet Things Savoury |