

NEWSLETTER

December 2017 - Edition 2

Invest in your Kids' Future and Support our Blossoming Community

The annual FOFW AGM took place on 22nd November 2017. We would like to say a huge thank you to those that attended and for everyone that has supported FOFW over the last academic year. Thank you for baking (or buying) a cake, making decorations, coming up with quiz questions, rallying local businesses and attending the events.

We can and are making a difference!

We are developing a thriving community and raising much needed funds. We raised a substantial sum of £35,000 last year (the average PTA raise £10,000 a year) and with that we have bought sports equipment, 100s' of books, story sacks, science equipment, a mud kitchen, overhead projectors, gardening equipment, gym kit, climbing walls, musical instruments, building blocks, musical chimes, scooters, trikes, skeletons and so much more ...



What is FOFW?

The Friends of Floreat Wandsworth (FOFW) is the Parent, Teachers and Friends Association of Floreat Wandsworth Primary School. We are a passionate independent charity with 2 key functions:

1. To raise valuable funds to enhance the facilities of Floreat Wandsworth
2. To encourage and facilitate social activity between parents, carers, friends, teachers and pupils

How do we Raise Money?

We are learning as we go, we are getting smarter and playing to our strengths. Alongside the amazing community and social events we do throughout the year we have also tapped into other resources to generate funds. We have lobbied for grants from Tesco, Co-op & Greggs. We have discovered smarter ways of fundraising like easyfundraising.com, Grow your Tenner and Sainsbury's active kids vouchers.

FOFW Objective Raise valuable funds to enhance the facilities of Floreat Wandsworth				
Direct Donations Local Giving <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regular & One Off donations via Local Giving Enhanced via matched funding campaigns and gift aid 	Smart Shopping <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Donations to FOFW direct from retailers Easy Fundraising Sainsbury Active Micro Scooters 	Grants/ Community Fundraising <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tesco Bags For Life Greggs Foundation Co-Op Community Fund 	Community Events <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coffee Mornings/Cakes Sales Mufti Day School Fair Quiz Night Summer Social Uniform Sales Boden Shopping Day Event Sponsorship (eg triathlon) 	FOFW Objective Encourage & facilitate social activity between carers, friends, teachers & pupils

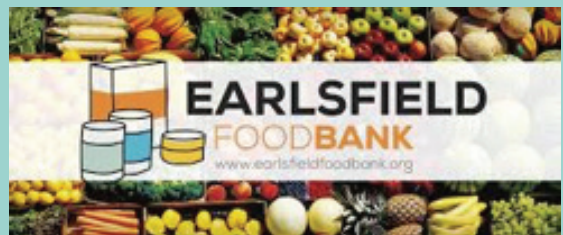


Community Pride

We take great pride in our school and wider community. We believe it is important to support and give back to our local charities like **Earlsfield Foodbank** and **The Wandsworth Salvation Army**. You will see in our events calendar – initiatives to support the good work they do.

Our chosen charity for 2017/18 will be **St George's Hospital Charity** - many of the Floreat children were born there and it is a great way to be able to give back. Doctors and nurses will come and do talks to the children, there will be toy drives where the Head Boys and Girls can take the donations to the hospital and possibly even a visit from an ambulance to the playground!

We are also going to develop a series of **Parent Talks** inviting speakers in to talk to us about important topics like Cyber Safety, Gender Diversity, Paediatric First Aid, Positive Parenting, Nutrition and more. We are very open to ideas so please let us know what you would like to hear about.



Focus for 2017/2018

It's not just about the fundraising. We are building a flourishing community.

Floreat is a small school with 210 pupils.

Everyone can make a difference – this is OUR school.

FOFW meet with the teachers, the executive, the head, we talk to parents, other PTA's, the kids and we develop a 'Wish List' of things that will help our children and our school thrive.

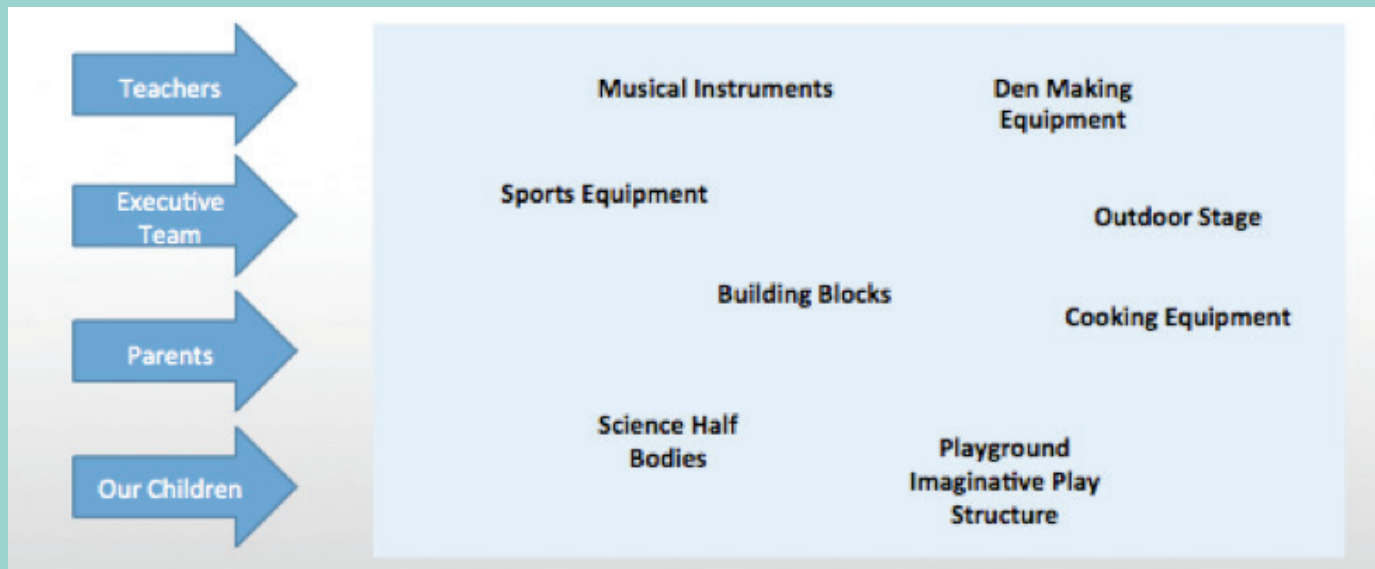
These items range from the really big to the really small.

The 'big item' this year is an amazing, colourful, modular, outdoor play area.

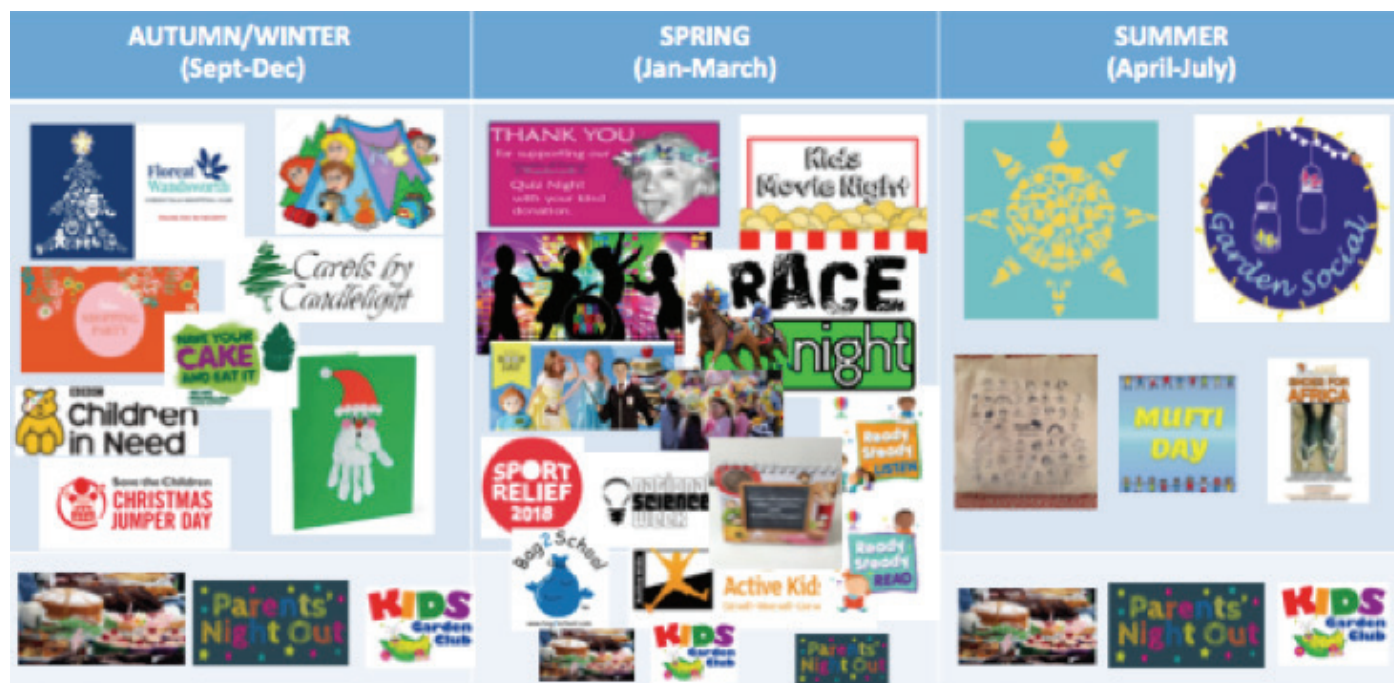
It will cater to all ages.

Our target in 2015 was £10,000, our target in 2016 was £25,000 and our target in our 2017/2018 is £40,000.

Last year we were asked for a minibus. We developed a proposal for the Floreat Board and we all agreed that we should wait until the school is bigger before investing in a mini bus.



Our 2017/2018 Events Calendar



We have a jam packed social calendar planned for this year and **we are very much in need of volunteers**. We have templates for the events so if you want to get a group together to help support or organise any of these events – there is a framework you can use and we are so happy if you want to put your own twist on it! Getting involved is a great way of meeting other parents and carers, feeling connected with the school and investing in your child’s future.

For more information please email fofwsecretary@gmail.com or call any of the committee, join us for a coffee morning or speak to your fabulous class rep!

We Need You...

- ROAD SAFETY TASK FORCE** – we are looking for a volunteers to help work with the school to lobby Wandsworth Council for safer roads around the school.
- GRAPHIC DESIGNER** – we need help with formatting the newsletters and designing logos for events.
- PHOTOGRAPHER** – we need a photographer to capture our events and help us grant applications (photographs for grant applications).
- AUDIO ENGINEER OR TECHIE** – someone who understands AV equipment that can help set up the speaker system and teach us how to use it properly.

Upcoming Dates

-  Wed 6 Dec – Reception
 Christmas drinks, Jolly Gardeners, 7:30pm
-  Thurs 7 Dec – Year 1
 Christmas drinks, Roundhouse, 7pm
-  Wed 13 Dec - Community Event
 Carols by Candlelight, Playground, 5:00pm
-  Wed 20 Dec (last day of term)- Whole School
 Christmas Jumper/Mufti day, suggested £2 donation
-  Friday 5th Jan 2018 - Kids Movie Night, Kids Only
 3.35pm- 5.30pm

Please do sign up for:

GROW YOUR TENNER

<http://localgiving.org/donate.../friends-of-floreat-wandsworth>

Smart shopping:

easyfundraising.org.uk A % of all your online shopping goes back to the school.

Register for the Co-op loyalty scheme: <https://www.coop.co.uk/membership/local-community-fund>

Parent Resources



fowsecretary@gmail.com



Floreat Wandsworth parents page



@floreatwandptfa @floreatwands @floreatedu



school notice board, the school office and the school website
<http://floreatwandsworthschool.fluencycms.co.uk/ptfa>

Please do drop any feedback or comments into the FOFW box in the school office.

On Behalf of all the committee we would like to thank you & hope to see you at the December Events!

FOFW Committee

Co-Chair Victoria Boxall-Hunt (Charlie & Libby's mum)

Co-Chair Tee Barnes (Amelia's mum)

Vice-Chair Claire Stewart (Holly & Tali's mum)

Secretary Nat James- Stearn (George, Oliver & Bettie Joan's mum)

Treasurer Richard Bath (Oliver's dad)

Ordinary Member (PR & Comms External Focus)

Kate Bunkall (Florence's mum)

Ordinary Member (Marketing & Comms Internal Focus)

Deon Butler (Layla's mum)

Ordinary Member (Finance Support, Sponsorship & Fundraising)

Louise Chicken (Wilfred's mum)

Ordinary Member (Community Focused Role)

Annik Pit- Kuipers (Mika and Leonie's mum)

Thanks also to Sarah Barbour (Treasurer Feb - August 17) & Ed Metzger (Ordinary Member 2016- 2017) who have stepped down.

