

# FOFW PTFA NEWSLETTER

UPDATES AND HIGHLIGHTS FOR NOVEMBER 2023

## MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR...

It has been a busy second half of term with lots going on! We are thrilled to share news about a large gardening grant that the school has secured, read more below! We're looking forward to our Christmas Market next week and fun things planned for the children as we approach end of term. Thanks for all the continued support! Jess



## CO-OP GRANT

We are very excited to announce that Friends of Floreat Wandsworth has been selected by the Co-Op as a charity that Co-Op members can support as part of the Local Community Fund for the next year! That means that anyone doing their shopping in the Co-Op can be set up to give the school a 2p kick back for every £1 spent.

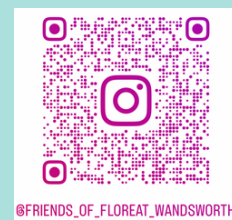
It's a one-off quick set up : If you have an existing Co-Op card - just log in and update the cause you are supporting to Friends of Floreat Wandsworth (Cause ID: 83583). If you don't have a card, sign up is £1 but you get lots of discounts by doing so, and 2p back yourself for every £1 spent. Select the cause as you sign up.

Please also ask any friends and family that shop at Co-Op (they can be anyone in the UK ) to support us too - every penny helps!

## KEEP IN TOUCH

We are posting more regular updates on social media - please follow us on **Instagram**, every little helps our engagement with the local community so asking friends and family to follow, commenting and sharing is so appreciated.

**@friends\_of\_floreat\_wandsworth**



## AGM AND COFFEE MORNING

Thank you to everyone that joined us on the 10th November for our annual AGM! We shared lots of info about the goals of FoFW, plans for the coming school year and talked through spending, as well as re-electing committee members. If you want to get involved in any capacity, email [fofwsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:fofwsecretary@gmail.com)



## EXCITING GARDENING CLUB UPDATE!

Thank you to everyone who joined the first gardening club session of the year in October themed around harvest and how we can use it! We made and enjoyed some delicious soups (see pics!)

We are also thrilled to share that we have been awarded the **maximum grant award of £9975 from the Wandsworth Grant Fund** to further develop the school gardens and gardening activities for the community!

This will support:

- the installation of new raised beds
- building of new seating areas
- creation of a new covered area in the nature garden to enable all weather use
  - facilitated volunteering days (to build the above ↑)
- gardening and nature workshops for Floreat Wandsworth children
- Sunday community gardening sessions

Many thanks to Beata and Keith from Think Outside, FOFW and Mr Custance and the school team for working together to make this a successful application! We will need lots of volunteers to realise these exciting developments and will be sending out more details soon...



## WHAT'S BEEN GOING ON THIS TERM

### HARVEST DONATIONS

Earlsfield FoodBank said a huge "THANK YOU" to all the families that donated to our collection back in September. Look how much we delivered!



### UNIFORM & CAKE SALE'S

We've had several uniform sales so far this term raising over £1000 for the school and supporting sustainability through re-use of garments.

Donations can be dropped off in the office at any time - we now have a donation box in there!

Cake sales once every half term will continue, with Year 5 & 6 up on the 24th Nov.



Over 70 parents had great fun at our Quiz Night (raising £800 for school), testing their knowledge on all kinds of topics from the Olympics through to Earlsfield (Do you know the name off the coffee shop on the Waterloo bound platform at the station?.. only a few teams did!)

Quiz master Julian Barnes did a fantastic job - thank you!

Delicious Thai food was supplied by our neighbours **The Thai Grocer** - we highly recommend!

### CHRISTMAS CARDS



We have some very talented children in the school - there were some stunning designs created ready to be made into cards!

We can't wait to see the finished products when they arrive early December. Thank you to Christen Bass for organizing!



### CHILDREN IN NEED

Non Uniform day on Friday 17th Nov was in aid of BBC Children in Need - thank you to all the Year 5's that were collecting on the gate and everyone who dropped a few coins in - over £300 raised for such a worthy cause!



## CHRISTMAS MARKET

We really hope you can join us on Wed 29th for our Christmas Market! Building on the success of last year, we have over 30 fantastic stallholders joining us for all your Christmas shopping needs. We'll have a bar, mulled wine and we're anticipating a lovely social evening for all the community. Children welcome for the first hour (from 6.30pm), open until 9pm in the school hall.

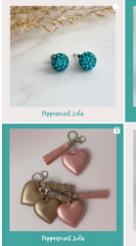
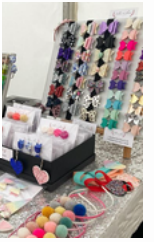
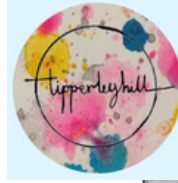
See the following page for details of the local businesses joining us and big thanks to Chloe Godson for producing our fabulous poster! We also wanted to say a huge thank you to **Rampton Baseley** who are sponsoring the event and all the parents hosting boards outside their houses! Please mention to local friends, colleagues, neighbours etc. to help spread the word as we really want to get lots of people along to support the stallholders.



JOIN US IN THE SCHOOL HALL FOR A FESTIVE EVENING OF SHOPPING, REFRESHMENTS & PLENTY OF CHRISTMAS CHEER!

**\*NB: Children Welcome 6.30-7.30pm, NO children after 7.30pm**

## CHRISTMAS MARKET STALL HOLDERS



SAVE  
THE DATE

COMING UP DURING THE AUTUMN TERM..

SUN 26TH NOV



Join us on Sunday afternoon (1-3pm) for a garden maintenance session including: weeding, tidying, litter picking, DIY - gates, guttering.

All children need to be supervised at all times.

At 1.30pm there will a **Slime Workshop** in the school hall to fundraise for the Year 6's. Bring a container to take slime home!

## CHRISTMAS TREES!

**Thommos Flowers** (based outside Earlsfield Library on Magdalen Road) are kindly sponsoring a lovely Christmas tree at our Xmas Market and have offered all parents **10% off** Christmas Tree's purchased from their stall from next week! Just say "Floreat" when purchasing for the discount.



## BEANIE HATS!

Back by popular demand this year, we will have winter Floreat branded beanie hats available soon, £6.50 each!

Initially on sale at the cake sale on the 24th and at the Xmas market on the 29th.

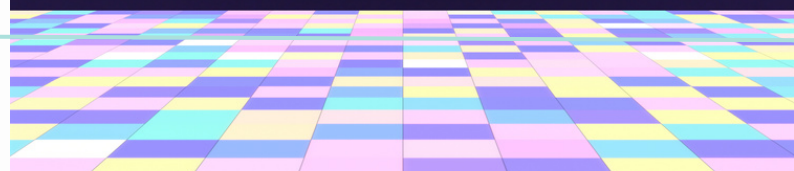
## FRI 15TH DEC: KIDS XMAS DISCO!

Save the Date to celebrate the end of term!

**Nursery / Reception:** disco during the school day  
**Yr 1 and above:** disco after school in the hall

The Kids Disco will be free so no excuses! There will be a live DJ along with fun treats to help your child celebrate the end of a fantastic term.

More details coming shortly, including how to register your child and how to volunteer your time. We will need lots of parent helpers to supervise this one!



AND LOTS MORE TO  
COME IN THE SPRING  
TERM  
INCLUDING...

PIZZA MAKING  
WHACKY HAIR DAY  
CAKE SALES  
COFFEE MORNING PARENT TALKS  
KIDS THEATRE PRODUCTION

## ELFRIDGES REGIFTING

Year 6 are hosting a regifting stall at the Christmas market - please donate any unused gifts, duplicate toys etc that are filling up your cupboards and that could be resold in the playground until next Tuesday am!

Additionally, any old colouring books with some remaining pages, old toys etc can be donated to update the younger years rainy day playtime boxes. Thank you!