

# FOFW PTFA NEWSLETTER

UPDATES AND HIGHLIGHTS FOR SEPTEMBER 2023

## MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR...

Welcome to our first newsletter of the school year! Families joining us we can't wait to meet you all at our upcoming events!! We have a busy year planned with lots going on for our families and the children, including ways to keep building our wonderful community so keep a look out! **Jess**

## 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](#)



## MEET THE COMMITTEE

Friends of Floreat Wandsworth is our school PTA (Parents, Teacher's and Friends Association). Our mission is to raise funds to enhance the facilities at Floreat and also to encourage and facilitate social activity within the school community.

Meet the committee below... please come and say hi in the playground or our next coffee morning.

We look forward to meeting you all!

Hi, I am Jess, mum to Iggy, Timmy (Yr 5) and Willoughby and I am the FoFW Chair, this will be my 6th year on the committee. You can usually find me at drop off or pick up running around after the boys!



Hi, I'm Drew, I'm the FoFW Treasurer looking after all the pennies and helping us spend in all the right places to support our wonderful school! This will be my fourth year with the PTA and I have three at the school, George (Yr 3), Freddie (Yr 1) and Annabelle (Nursery).

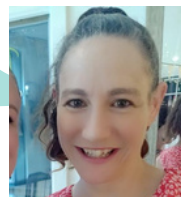
Hi, I am Zeba, mum to Carmen (Yr 1) and Buddy (Yr 2). I am the self appointed bunting master for FoFW events!



Hi - I'm Charlotte, mum to Emilia in Y1. I look after social media and other comms like this newsletter for FoFW.



Hi, I am Linda, mum to Chloe in Year 6. I am the chatty mum that is normally on the end of loads of the messages in the Class Rep WhatsApp groups. If I am not chatting, you will find me running somewhere.



Hi - I'm Ruth, mum to James (Year 2) and Finn (Nursery). I work behind the scenes on a lot of the FoFW events!



Hi, I'm Howard, Dad to Ava in Reception and Aubs in Year 3. Always happy to answer any questions. I like Arsenal FC and dislike jungles.



We also have Matous (Father of Ema in Year 5 and Ella in Year 3) and Perry (Father to Leola in Yr 6) who are advisory committee members and help with all the grants we apply for amongst other things.



## MEET THE CLASS REPS

As well as the committee we also have our fantastic class reps - always on the end of a WhatsApp to answer questions and share relevant information for your year group. Linda (Year 6) is the head rep who co-ordinates them all. If you are not on your class WhatsApp group please ask to be added! These groups are run by parents, for the benefit of parents, so please use them sensibly.

### NURSERY



Ruth  
Allen



Jess  
Bohndiek



Evi  
Rakitzi



Jennie  
Rankin

### YEAR 3



Christen  
Bass



Catriona  
Stevenson



Richard  
Campbell

### RECEPTION



Julie  
Hogan



Steph  
Barton



Jill  
Preston



Cristina  
Huschke

### YEAR 4



Chloe  
Godson

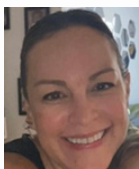


Tammy  
Hunt



Tiffany  
Downer

### YEAR 1



Claudia  
Soto



Georgia  
Lombard



Bianca  
David

### YEAR 5



Verity  
Allison



Annie  
Bajwa

### YEAR 2



Julie  
Hogan



Floris  
Jansen

### YEAR 6



Linda  
April



Katherine  
Reid

## UPDATES AND INFORMATION

Last year was an incredibly busy year for events, culminating with a fantastic sunny day for our Summer Fair in July - huge thank you to everyone that volunteered or came along! A lovely day with a real community feel that raised £4400 for the school. Amazing!



### COFFEE MORNING & UNIFORM SALE

Our first coffee morning of the year on 15th September was really well attended and lots of you took advantage of the secondhand uniform available.

A total of £720 was raised for school, a fantastic and sustainable start to the school year!



Next uniform sale coming soon.

### OAKSHAW ROAD DEVELOPMENT WORK

After receiving requests from concerned parents, FoFW and the School are contacting the Higgins group regarding possible compensation for the disruption caused by their works. We are also collating a file of dangerous incidents to show them how concerned we are as a community. If you can share any photos / videos / written statements about what you have witnessed, please email them to fofwsecretary@gmail.com. If you witness any immediate danger to our children please inform the School immediately and report them to 0800 783 1423.

### WHAT HAPPENS TO THE MONEY RAISED?

We want to show you what we have spent money on over the years and the variety of areas supported by FoFW fundraising and grants we apply for on behalf of the school. We work closely with the leadership team at school to ensure the right items are bought and our focus is aligned. Some recent examples can be seen below, but we also keep some savings aside for when there is an unplanned need.

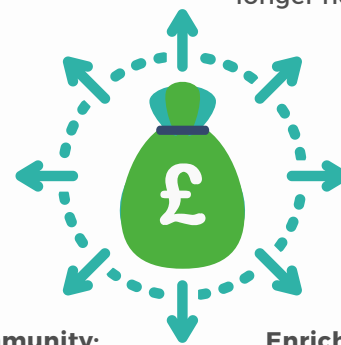
#### School Equipment!

FoFW funds lots of sports and other books and equipment for the school.

We have just got a grant for £1k of Hockey Equipment and over the Summer parents helped us repurpose benches, a climbing wall and other garden items from a school that no longer needed them.

#### Large Projects!

FoFW has funded several large scale items for the school that have taken multiple years of fundraising and all the children enjoy daily: the Astro on the playground, the huge playframe in the playground and the playframe in the Nursery area.



#### Supporting our Community:

FoFW provides support for some school trips, we supported families through covid (for example whiteboards, Foodbank), help with a great experience for our Yr 6 leavers, teacher breakfasts, gifts for LoveLight.

#### Enriching our children's experience:

last year we hosted Power Thoughts workshops across the school, funded an author visit on World Book day, chicks for early years, funded Forest school and improved the garden provision.

COMING UP DURING THE AUTUMN TERM..

SAVE  
THE DATE

SUN 8TH  
OCT:  
GARDENING  
CLUB

The first gardening club session of the year is **Harvest Festival with Soup Making**: all invited (please make sure children have an adult with them), 1-3pm in the school gardens.



FRI 10TH NOV:  
AGM & COFFEE  
MORNING

Join us at 8.30am in the hall for our annual general meeting and to hear more about what FoFW has been busy doing, as well as what we have planned for the year and share your thoughts over a coffee



FRI 13TH  
OCT: QUIZ  
NIGHT!



It's time to start brushing up on your general knowledge, music identification and plenty of other topics as we host a fun filled quiz night, with drinks and food options.

More info and tickets to come soon.

FRI 29TH SEPT:  
HARVEST DONATIONS  
FOR



We'll be collecting donations for Earlsfield Foodbank on Fri 29th September at drop off.



WED 29TH NOV:  
CHRISTMAS MARKET!

We are excited to repeat last year's popular Christmas shopping evening; with plenty of local and parent businesses hosting stalls of unique items to get your Christmas shopping off to a good start, as well as the chance to enjoy socialising over a glass of mulled wine!



AND LOTS MORE TO COME...

## HOW ELSE CAN I HELP OR GET INVOLVED?

### TALENTS AND CONNECTIONS

Do you have hidden talent, career or hobby that you'd be happy to share for the benefit of our children? Some examples: talent in graphic design for posters, construction skills, working for a corporate that has donation matching capabilities, connection to sports team for raffle prizes etc etc. Talk to your class rep or email [fofwevents@gmail.com](mailto:fofwevents@gmail.com) to make us aware!

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

FoFW can't survive without the generous contributions our volunteers make in terms of time and expertise. If you'd like to get involved, we are looking for volunteers to help plan and organise our upcoming events. If this is of interest please reach out to [fofwsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:fofwsecretary@gmail.com)

### SECOND HAND UNIFORM:

Please save as we will regularly reach out for donations, we know children grow quickly and so collect throughout the year as well as have regular sales.



## EASY FUNDRAISING

Easy Fundraising enables you to set up FoFW as a recipient so when you spend at certain online stores, FoFW gets a % kick back. It costs you nothing! It takes a couple of minutes to set up, and you can install a reminder so that if you buy from a store that donates, you get a pop up alert (like the below screenshot) that you just click - so no having to remember to go through the Easyfundraising website each time.

Even if you just do this for your weekly online shop (all the big supermarkets are set up) - the free money will still add up for the school. Use the QR below to get started or visit [www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk)

