

FOFW PTFA NEWSLETTER

UPDATES AND HIGHLIGHTS FOR SPRING 2023

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR...

We hope everyone has now settled into the new term and we are looking forward to being able to run many different events and a chance for the community to reconnect. Look out for coffee mornings, adult socials and fun stuff for the kids!!

We are also very excited to be supporting the Year 6's to ensure they have a great send off at the end of the year! As always, grateful for all your support for the initiatives we run as it wouldn't be possible without your support and please do find me in the playground at any time!!! **Jess**

FUNDRAISING:



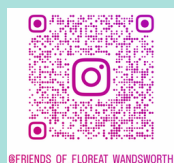
We're pleased to say that efforts during the Autumn term have raised over **£6k!** So a **huge** thank you to everyone who has donated!

The Christmas Market and associated advertising for PlusRooms via 40 boards outside parent's houses contributed significantly as well as fundraising via cake sales, fancy dress and uniform sales, non uniform days and grants from Local Giving and Co Op Local community fund.

SPENDING:

We are working with the teachers on plans to enhance the overall outdoor learning area and space as we move into Spring; including providing wellies for the new forest school and looking at other changes that will ensure lots of opportunities for time outside! Plus lots more to come.

KEEP IN TOUCH



Join us on **Instagram:**
[@friends_of_floreat_wandsworth](#)



Join our parents group on **Facebook:** Floreat Wandsworth Parents' Page



Follow us on **Twitter:**
[@Floreatwandptfa](#)

SMARTIES!

Friday 10th Feb will be a non uniform day in aid of Yr 6! The theme is **COLOURFUL** and Yr 6 will be awarding house points to the most imaginative and colourful outfits during the day!

All children will receive a tube of Smarties at the end of the day and are asked to try and fill with 20p coins (they fit perfectly!) over the half term break for FoFW; collecting by offering to do jobs or via any other ideas!

(There will be other treats for those with dietary considerations)

COFFEE MORNING - FEB 10TH

Please join us at a **FoFW Coffee Morning on Friday 10th Feb!**
8.30am in the school hall

This term we are very focused on reconnecting the community so please join us to meet other parents and the committee over a cuppa. There will also be a Second hand Uniform sale!



BIRTHDAY BOOKS!



This term we intend to relaunch an effort to encourage parents to donate a book to the school library for their child's birthday. The book could be one of the child's favourites or non fiction on a topic they enjoy! A book sticker will be completed and attached to the book in recognition of the donation, and we hope that seeing their books in the library will help continue to drive a love of reading. Books can be new or used in good condition.

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. We look forward to meeting you all!

Hi, I am Jess, mum to Iggy, Timmy in Year 4 and Willoughby in Year 2. I am the FoFW Chair. You can usually find me at drop off running around after my boys.



Hi - I'm Charlotte, new to Floreat and mum to Emilia in Reception. I look after comms & social media for FoFW.



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

Hi I am Matous, or Mat. I am father of Ema in Year 4 and Ella in Year 2. I am originally from Prague, Czech Republic, where we start school when we are 6 years old and by lunch time we are sent home. Basically, a miracle I can read and write decently!



My name is Drew and I have two boys at Floreat, George (Year 2) and Freddie (Reception). I look after the FoFW pennies (Treasurer)



Hello, I'm Perry, father to Leola in Yr 5. I am looking forward to a great year of FoFW events and expanding your knowledge of all things Canadian



Hi, I am Howard, Dad to Aubrey (Year 2) and Ava (Nursery). I like some films and dislike falling off mountains and jungles generally!

Hi, I am Linda, mum to Chloe in Year 5. 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.



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 (Y5) is the head rep that co-ordinates them all. If you are not on your class WhatsApp group please ask to be added!

NURSERY



Stephanie



Cati

YEAR 3



Chloe



Tiffany



Tammy

RECEPTION



Natalie



Christen



Marina

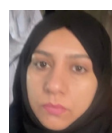


Jenni



Georgia

YEAR 4



Afifa



Rosie



Verity

YEAR 1



Floris



Julie



Ruth



Teresa

YEAR 5



Linda



Katherine



Claudia

YEAR 2



Irena

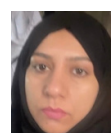


Richard

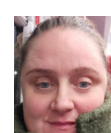


Catriona

YEAR 6



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Laura

AUTUMN 2022 EVENTS

TEAM LOVELIGHT GIFT COLLECTION

Huge thanks for all the gifts donated by parents and children for Team Lovelights' Christmas present appeal this year - over 110 gifts were collected! A message from Team Lovelight:

"WE ARE OVERWHELMED BY YOUR SCHOOL'S DONATIONS OF TOYS AND BOOKS. THEY ARE WONDERFUL. MANY CHILDREN WILL SMILE ON CHRISTMAS DAY BECAUSE OF YOUR KINDNESS. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR GENEROSITY"



ALSO:

- GARDENING CLUB:** PLANTING, DIY SKILLS AND SOCIALISING WITH THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY HELD IN NOV.
- FANCY DRESS SALE:** RECYCLING OLD FANCY DRESS COSTUMES HELD IN DEC
- CAKE SALES:** HOSTED BY ALL THE SCHOOL YEAR GROUPS
- COFFEE MORNINGS:** LOTS OF CHANCES TO SOCIALISE WITH PARENTS AND FOFW MEMBERS
- SCHOOL UNIFORM SALES:** STOCKING UP AT BARGAIN PRICES

Our Christmas market had over 20 exciting stalls from local businesses and was really well attended. It included a wreath making session and plenty of mulled wine, with attendees commenting on the unique gifts on offer! This will be back in 2023.



Year 6 have been working hard to fundraise for their year end celebrations, including hosting a stall at the Christmas market and selling bracelets, sweets and other items at cake sales and coffee mornings! Look out for more from them through the year. All donations to the non uniform day on Feb 10th will also be for Year 6 who will be collecting on the gates!



SAVE
THE DATE

COMING UP IN 2023...

SPRING SOCIAL!

Did you know that Floreat has it's own parent band... **Go with the Flo!** Join us for what is always a fantastic adult only band evening in the school hall with a bar and lots of dancing! More to come soon..



MARCH
10TH

FOREST SCHOOL

This term we are excited that the Nursery pupils will be taking part in a 10 week Forest School programme funded by FoFW. The aim is supporting play, exploration and supported risk taking, leveraging a trained forest school teacher and the space at school. If successful the plan is to roll out for the remainder of the early years on an ongoing basis.

The children are looking forward to getting muddy and enjoying the fresh air!



80'S THEMED ADULT SOCIAL!

MAY
12TH

Get those costumes ready for an evening of dancing, drinks and our legendary auction at an 80s themed extravaganza!



SUMMER FAYRE: JULY 9TH
FAMILY EVENT
RAFFLE
FUNFAIR
GAMES
BBQ
AND MORE!



FEB 10TH
PERSONALISED
MUGS



Feb 10th is the last date to get your orders in and artwork submitted for your child's personalised mug - perfect as a gift for friends or family or mother's day! Order and pay in the playground Wed or Friday mornings until half term



SPRING SUNDAY GARDENING CLUB

2-4pm. FW Children, parents, carers, friends and relatives are warmly invited to join us for a Spring Sunday Gardening Session.



MAR
12TH

There will be tea coffee and cake for a midway break and catch up

Planting and DIY jobs for the grown ups, garden activities / crafts / games for the children!

Please note that children **do** need to be accompanied by a grown up to join. We look forward to seeing you there!



HOW CAN I GET INVOLVED?

SECOND HAND UNIFORM:

We are looking for any volunteers who would like to get involved with the collection, organisation and sales on an ongoing basis - if you are interested you can speak to class rep for Yr 6 Laura who currently runs the sales for more information or reach out to fofwsecretary@gmail.com



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 adult social event and summer fayre. If this is of interest please reach out to fofwsecretary@gmail.com

FAMILY / LOCAL BUSINESSES:

We will soon be looking for donations in terms of raffle prizes and items to auction for our upcoming events! If you are able to donate please let us know. Equally, if you are a Floreat family with a small business we'd love to offer our support and promote you on social media and in upcoming newsletters - email fofwsecretary@gmail.com

ANYTHING ELSE I CAN DO?



Local Giving: we are always grateful for direct contributions, large or small, to the FoFW PTFA charity. You can contribute through our Localgiving page: www.localgiving.org/charity/friends-of-floreat-wandsworth/



Easyfundraising: by using <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/> as your main portal for online purchases. It costs you nothing on purchases you'd already be making