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FOGS Term 4 Round Up March 2023

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WELCOME!

Welcome to the first FOGS termly round up! Please expect these at end of Term 2, 4 & 6. This is a way for us to communicate with you all events that we have planned, what we are raising money for and what money we have spent! We feel it's really important all parents, children and school staff know our purpose and we aren't just here to ask for money!

We are always very grateful to all who come to our events, purchase things from us and contribute to our fundraisers, so thank you!

What is FOGS?!

FOGS (Friends of Guston School) is Guston School's PTFA (Parent Teacher Friends Association). A PTFA is a group of parents, staff and associated people such as grandparents etc... who work together to support the school to enrich children's learning and experiences at school. They raise extra funds through a wide range of fun and creative initiatives, events, and much, much more.

We are also registered charity, charity number 1195540.

Who are we?

Chairperson: Carly (Olive's mum)
Secretary: Suzanne (School Office)
Treasurer: Alice (Harry & Ezra's mum)
Amy (Maisie & Maggie's Mum)
Rohan & Steph (Dexter's parents)
Michelle & Chris Buckland (Joshua's parents)
Sammy (Lucy's mum)
Magda (Tamara's mum)
Nick (Jason's Dad)
Donna (Nancy's mum)
Corinne (Aisha's mum)
Zoe (Alicia's mum)
Steve (Eddie & Ethan's dad)
Nathan (Isla Rose's dad)
Mrs Hixon (Elder Class Teacher)
Miss Lawrence (Oak Class Teacher)



Ways You Can Help



- Become a fully fledged FOGS member – this includes planning events, coming to events, finding raffle prizes, grants, funding, sharing ideas, coming to meetings (usually an Annual General Meeting, a yearly planning meeting and maybe 2 meetings to plan Summer Fete & Christmas event) spreading the word of events amongst school community. We communicate via WhatsApp.
- FOGS Lite – still a member but not involved in planning events, it's being asked "are you free to help?" You will always be invited to meetings and kept in the loop. We have a separate WhatsApp group for this.
- Easy Fundraising – literally zero effort once you have set this up as you can set your phone to remind you! You can earn cashback for FOGS on purchases you make on websites such as Amazon, New Look, eBay, Groupon, Booking.com etc.. Download the app on your phone and you will get donation reminders www.easyfundraising.org.uk
- Donations of raffle prizes (unwanted gifts, vouchers) school pre-loved uniform & Christmas jumpers
- OR Just simply coming to FOGS events, making purchases from us and interacting with our posts on Facebook – it all helps!



Our Current Fundraising Goal



We are currently raising money for every classroom to have a new Smart Board/Interactive white board as some of the classes are old and glitchy! School and FOGS have been working hard and we are going to purchase 4 very soon! The cost of 1 whiteboard is approx. £2000.

This is our big goal but we want to be able to have some other little spends to help out when we can!

Past Events & Money Raised Sept 2022-March 2023

Grant from TPX Impact £1000

Parent & Friends Quiz £255



Christmas Fete & Grotto £690.85

Christmas Rainbow Raffles £210

Christmas Nativity Refreshments £54



Hot Chocs after school £88

February Own Clothes Day £130

World Book Day Book Swap FREE EVENT



World Book Day Cake Sale £162.36

Family Bingo Night £219.71



Mother's Day Cream Teas £130

Easter Egg Hunt FREE EVENT



KS1 Music Event Refreshments £8.90

easy fundraising £24.54



Pre-loved uniform sales £7

Fancy dress stock sales £20

TOTAL:

£3000.36



Purchases So Far This Year

A New Rug for Year R classroom

Easter Eggs for every child

The School Hall Christmas Tree (donated by Ancestors Group)

Christmas Grotto Gifts (sponsored by Shim's Way Ju-Jitsu Club)

Summer Fete Information

We will be holding our annual summer fete on Saturday 8th July.

We are looking for helpers! This could be with setting up, running a stall, tidying away.

We will welcome parents who want to offer to make cakes to sell or run a food stall (BBQ/Momos etc...)

We also have some slots for business stall holders, these will need their own insurance. We are always looking for raffle prizes – do you know someone who has a local business (shop/restaurant/take away/service?) who would donate a voucher? Or if you have any unwanted gifts you'd like to donate we would be very grateful.

We are also looking for businesses who might be interested to sponsor a stall – which will provide them with some advertising whilst helping us to raise money for the school.

Save The Date!



Friday 5th May –Kings Coronation Tea Party 2–4pm

Friday 5th May – Pre-Loved Uniform Shop



Tuesday 6th June – KS1 Disco

Thursday 8th June – KS2 Disco



Friday 16th June – Father's Day Treat Bag

Friday 16th June – Pre-Loved Uniform Shop

Saturday 8th July – Summer Fete



June/July – Frozen Fridays (ice cream sales)

MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW – keep an eye on Guston Parents Facebook page, School Spider and the FOGS tab on the school website.

Contact Us

If you're interested in joining us or just helping out, please speak to one the members, pop into the school office or email us on fogs@guston.kent.sch.uk

Check out the FOGS tab on the school website for more information on events and what we do!

