



FOWPS End of Year Newsletter 2016/17

What have we raised and how has the money been spent?

We have had an amazing variety of events on offer to both children and parents. Events included some old favourites like the Christmas and Summer Fairs, Easter trail, Quiz Night and school discos, along with some new events such as The Y Factor, The Big Gig, Elvis Night and Bingo & BBQ evening. Primary Pedal returned after a year off and saw us working with the Testbourne Mityana group to jointly fundraise for the two charities.

Outside of the main events Lisa Dale, Jo George and Charlie Hughes have continued to run the second hand uniform sales each month and we have also held a new parent coffee morning and organised a bouncy castle for the new Yr R Pirates and Princesses party.

We don't have the final figures yet, but we have raised approximately £23,000 this year and have spent £22,500 on projects for the benefit of all children at the school.

Money has been spent on IT equipment/upgrades, Library system upgrade and library books, Forest School equipment, Author visits, pond dipping equipment, Yr R garden and dictionaries for all the classrooms amongst others.

These projects are all thanks to the support we receive from so many parents at the school, whether it's helping in the planning of events, helping at the events themselves or coming along and having fun on the day/evening. We can't name everyone who has helped out this year, but a few special mentions to people who aren't on the committee but came up with ideas for events and then organised these themselves on behalf of FOWPS – Chris Milne for the Y Factor, Fiona and Roger Walters for The Big Gig and Elvis Night, Mike Stead for Primary Pedal, Alex Cruickshank and Tom Brunt for Quiz Night and Clare Ashton for Bingo & BBQ.

If you have an idea for an event for next year, please get in touch – we would love to hear from you. FOWPS@whitchurch.hants.sch.uk

If you haven't done so already, please like our facebook page to be kept updated on all events/FOWPS news – FOWPS Whitchurch, Hampshire.

Many people may be put off joining FOWPS so here are a few myth busters:

Myth: FOWPS is just for Mums.

FACT: FOWPS is for everyone – Dads and grandparents included!

Myth: FOWPS has all the help they need.

FACT: We need you!

Myth: Volunteering for FOWPS takes too much time.

FACT: YOU can decide how much time you can give.

Myth: FOWPS volunteers need to be at the school during the day.

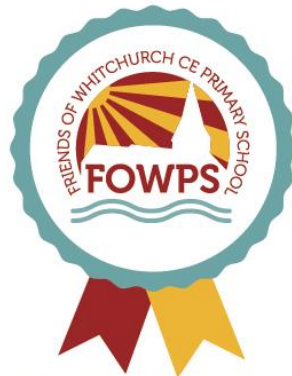
FACT: Choose what works best for you. We have a mix of working/non working parents and we all volunteer around our other commitments

Myth: FOWPS has the same volunteers year after year and everyone knows each other.

FACT: Everyone is welcome, most of us didn't know each other before joining FOWPS and we have children in all school years from R-6.

Myth: FOWPS is all set with their activities and events for the year.

FACT: Old favourites and new ideas always welcome - please get in touch.



**FORGET THE ELECTION
ELECT TO BE A FOWPS MEMBER TO HELP
GENERATE ANOTHER £17K NEXT YEAR
OF FUNDRAISING FOR OUR CHILDREN**

Please submit your interest/nominations before our AGM
on 25th September to FOWPS@whitchurch.hants.sch.uk
or louisewalsh@doctors.org.uk

Thanks again from all the FOWPS committee 2016/7 – Louise Williams (Chair), Jo Scarth (Vice Chair), Helen Mason (Treasurer), Sarah Bull (Secretary), Aimee Bishop, Alex Calvert, Sarah Dutton, Jo George, Victoria Rampton & Sophie Waite.