



Hello everyone!

It's been a while since the last FoLS bulletin so we thought we would update you all on how things are going so far!

As you know we have run several events already since September - the cinema night, the Christmas disco and the fantastic community concert which raised £400 alone! We have also launched the School Lottery - please, please register and buy at least 1 line... so far we have sold 14 lines for the year which has raised £200 for our school - we need to sell a minimum of 50 lines. Check posters on school fence for details, the FoLS Facebook page or school newsletter! You could be in with a chance of winning £25,000!

*We have already donated **£7000** to our school this year - this will fund all the educational trips, new books, school Christmas panto and contribute towards the cost of the new lunch furniture as well as fund various licences for online learning resources that our children all benefit from.*

The funds we raise from all of our activities are solely used for the benefit of the children at our amazing school, which is why we work hard to get as many of you involved and supporting as possible - without the annual grant families would have to fully fund items such as school trips themselves and our children wouldn't have access to the brilliant learning resources that we support.

So now for what's next! The FoLS team are now busy organising the rest of the year and we have listed below some key highlights:

As always we are keen to have input/ideas from everyone and it would be great if we could get some new members! If you have ideas on how we can support our wonderful school and would like to get involved then please speak to one of the FoLS team. Alternatively you can speak to Lynne (mum of Erin in Year 5 and Ellena in Year 3), Fiona (mum to Jess in Year 5), Mel (mum to Freya in Year 6 and Mia in Year 1), Cecile (mum to Marie in Year 5 and Camille in Year 2), Luarena (mum to Stanley in Year 4 and Wilfred in Year 3), Vickey (mum to Noah in Year 3 and Isaac in Year 2) Hollie (mum to Cameron in Year 6 and Ewan in Year 4), Sam (mum to Sophia in Year 3 and Poppy

in Year 1) or Tiggs (mum of Tara in Year 6 and Livvy in Year 3). Alternatively feel free to email Tiggs at mcarpenterhanson@gmail.com or speak to Vicky Ashby in the school office.

Current Planned Events

BINGO!! Saturday 23rd March at Lewknor Hall - Doors open at 5:30pm for 6pm start

So... ARE YOU GONNA BINGO???!..All families welcome for an evening of 2 little ducks, Kelly's eye, legs eleven and 2 fat ladies.
Hot food and Bar available.

Donations of chocolates and/or wine etc for prize hampers please! Donations box will be available at start and finish of school days from this week.

Bag 2 School - Tuesday 30th April

As many of you know, one of the ways in which FoLS has raised money for the school recently is through textile recycling. As well as raising vitally needed funds for our school, it also helps the environment by helping to divert unwanted textiles away from landfill and raises awareness amongst the children of the benefits of recycling and reuse. We be issuing the bags to children in school before this date so please keep an eye out.

May Day - As always FoLS will provide refreshments - get practising your baking as we will need cake donations!

Sponsored Walk! - Sunday 19th May:

"Our School Walkabout! - Lewknor's Grand Day Out"

This year we want to do an event that involves all of our amazing children, parents, grandparents, uncles, aunts, cousins, the school staff, ex-pupils and the wider community. So we thought a saunter through our beautiful countryside would be a great way to bring us all together and raise funds.

We are busy plotting the route and organising everything so for now please post the date in the diary, pull as many people together to join us on the day and maybe do some gentle stretching to start preparing!

We are also looking for companies to sponsor us, so if you have any contacts please ask them --all support gratefully received!

Annual Fun Day - Yee Ha it's a Rodeo this year!!!

It's our annual Fun Day on Saturday 22nd June this year and the children voted for a Rodeo theme! As always we will be seeking volunteers to help with stalls etc a few weeks before the actual day -

but if you want to join in organising, or have props we could use or contacts who might want a stall or could help then please do let us know.

Easy FundRaising!

Please don't forget that FoLS is registered with Easyfundraising: If you shop online then every time you buy something you could be raising money for the school! You can even raise money when you book hotel rooms and flights - AT NO ADDITIONAL COST TO YOU!!!!

Over 2400 well known retailers including Amazon, Tesco, Asda, Sainsburys, Ebay, Expedia, M&S, Boden, Waitrose, House of Fraser, Travelodge, Vodafone, Virgin Atlantic and many more, will donate a percentage of what you spend to FOLS when you shop with them via the fundraising website: easyfundraising.org.uk

Everything you spend with that retailer earns a free donation. It's completely free to use and your shopping won't cost you a penny more. On average, each retailer will donate 5% of the cost of your shopping - and those donations soon mount up.

Please register to support us when you shop online -

<http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friendsoflewknorschoolfols>

Thank you for taking the time to read this - and please, please do contact us if you would like to join our team or have ideas to share! We are really keen to get as many parents engaged as possible in all that we do and to continue the amazing work we have already done this past year. We will keep you updated of plans and events through the term via email, bulletins like this, the school website and we even have a facebook page (for the social media savvy!).

Best wishes.

The FoLS Team