

SUMMER TERM NEWSLETTER

April 2022

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

TUE 3 MAY

Duck eggs arrive!



FRI 13 MAY

Bag2School
Collection date.
Drop bags in Reception
between 9th-12th



20-30 JUNE

Summer Fundraiser
Events



OVERVIEW

The Friends of Stockton House School (**FoSH**) is the fundraising arm to the pre-school. Run solely by volunteers, we help raise money to buy additional equipment, fund enhanced learning activities and purchase those "nice-to-have" extras for your children.

During the 2020/2021 academic year, we raised £3,363 from the lottery, AmazonSmile, second-hand uniform, raffle tickets and Bag2School collections which, given COVID restrictions and not many direct fundraising opportunities, is brilliant! So what have we been spending money on you ask?

We purchased a lot of equipment for Muddy Acorns (currently Kindergarten only) and the feedback on our forest school has been wonderful. If you would like to sign up your child for Muddy Acorns in September then it's not too late!

FoSH have re-booked the amazing duck egg-hatching experience for May, which the children absolutely love!

The classrooms have had some new equipment and the big garden has seen some improvements and updates. The next task is to revamp the large sandpit in the main garden to make it more "weatherproof" and also provide the children with a mini diggers area.

Did you know that FoSH purchased all the Easter Eggs for the children last term and also buy all the presents from Santa at Christmas as well as the leavers' gifts at the end of the year? It's these little extras we can only continue to afford with your support.



READ ALL ABOUT IT! LATEST NEWS FROM FOSH...

SMARTIES CHALLENGE

Before May half-term we will be sending every child home with a tube of Smarties to enjoy! All we ask in return is that you fill it up with either 20 pence pieces or £1 coins. Don't forget to ask grandparents, neighbours and friends, etc! Filled tubes to be returned by **Friday 10th June 2022**.

SUMMER FUNDRAISER

We are hoping to run a FoSH stall at each of the class sports days this year where we will offer face painting, tattoos, bubbles and a few games to win prizes. In order to do this we need the help of a few volunteers to run the stall - if this is something you might be able to help with please contact us at fosh@stocktonhouseschool.co.uk.

SECOND-HAND UNIFORM

If you need any extra top-up bits or have outgrown current sizes then a quick, cheap and easy way to order preloved uniform is to email fosh@stocktonhouseschool.co.uk and we can check our stock for sizes. If we have the items, we will send you an email re collection and you can pay via bank transfer or cash. 100% of second-hand uniform sales goes to FoSH plus you are doing your bit for recycling too. Win win!

BAG2SCHOOL TEXTILE COLLECTION



It's time for a good old fashioned "sort out". Tell your friends and family and get sorting out your winter wardrobe before you put it away for the year (we can live in hope!)

You can fill a black bag / bin liner with good quality clothing, shoes (tied together), bedding, towels, hats, scarfs, jewellery, bags and household linen. The school receives a commission back of 40p per kg and our last collection in November 2021 saw 112 bags raising £126!

Our next [Bag2School](#) collection has been booked for **Friday 13th May 2022**, so please get sorting!



Do you follow us on Facebook ? Keep up to date with what we are organising and how you can help us:

www.facebook.com/friendsofstocktonhouseschool



You shop. Amazon gives.

We signed up to AmazonSmile over a year ago, and have raised £199.93 to-date. We would like to say a big thank you to all those who have nominated us as your chosen charity. If you have yet to do so then please sign up via this [link](#).



We have created an Amazon Wish List of items which either the classrooms have asked for or we would like to purchase to enhance the children's learning experiences both inside and out. You can find the list [here](#).

YOUR SCHOOL LOTTERY



As a supporter, you can join for as little as £1 per week and for this, someone in our school syndicate will win a guaranteed weekly prize. The more people that participate, the bigger this guaranteed prize becomes and more money is raised for the school. On top of this, you will also be entered into a separate nationwide draw with a chance to win an amazing £25,000 EVERY WEEK!

We raised over £1,040 last year from the lottery, so you can see it really does pay to play! You can also get the family involved, you can purchase as many numbers as you like and pay by DD weekly. Winners are contacted by email after the draw and prizes are paid bank into your bank account.

If you have yet to sign up then please just follow this [link](#) - it's easy!

FOREIGN COINS



Now that we are able to go overseas again you can help without really having to put your hand in your pocket by simply sorting out any old foreign notes and coins left over from holidays and business trips.

Any old British or Irish coins and notes can also help. Even old decimal coins or farthings, 1d pennies, three penny bits, six pence, shillings and crowns are welcome. Check down the sofa and bring them in to be turned into useable funds via [Cash4Coins!](#)

There are lots of ways you can help us fundraise...

1) AmazonSmile - Link your Amazon account to FoSH's AmazonSmile charity:

<https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1115133-0>

2) Amazon Wishlist - click here to make purchases for the pre-school:

https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/2CY77I0OPOGTQ?ref_=wl_share

3) Your School Lottery - Sign up today, for just £1 a week - ask friends and family to join too:

<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/stockton-house-school>

4) Old & Foreign Coins - Do you have any lying around gathering dust which you can donate to us? No need to sort, just pop into an envelope or plastic bag and give to Reception.

5) Direct donation to the FoSH account - Some lovely parents have asked about making a monthly or termly donation into the FoSH account in order to support the pre-school so here are our bank details:

Account Name: The Friends of Stockton House School

Account Number: 66037484

Sort Code: 60-08-42

Reference: "Donation"

6) Second Hand Uniform - Do you have any to donate back to the school? Do you need a few extra pieces? Email fosh@stocktonhouseschool.co.uk to check stock, place an order or return outgrown items.

7) Fundraising Ideas - Do you have any fabulous ideas to share, or is there something you'd like to see us doing?

Want to get involved? - We are always looking for people to help us fundraise! The more of us involved, the easier it is to organise things. We are all busy mums but if anyone feels they can offer up a few hours of their time, please contact fosh@stocktonhouseschool.co.uk for more information.