

AUTUMN TERM NEWSLETTER

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

WED 6TH OCT

Deadline for
Christmas Card
Designs to be returned



FRI 5TH NOV

Bag2School
Collection date.
Drop bags in Reception
between 1st-4th



FRI 10TH DEC

FoSH Christmas
Raffle Draw



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, enhanced learning activities and those "nice-to-have" extras for your children.

During the past year, we raised over £2,500 which, given the COVID restrictions, national lockdowns and social-distancing regulations in place at the time, was totally amazing!

We have now spent just over £4,200 to-date getting Muddy Acorns, our new Forest School, up and running from September 2021. Kindergarten classes are loving being outside and from September 2022 this will open up to Nursery classes also.

FoSH funds paid for the amazing duck egg-hatching experience in June which the children absolutely loved and we have already booked this again next year for your children to enjoy.

We liaised with the class teachers and have been able to buy new or replacement items for the classrooms. The big garden has had some additional equipment installed over the summer too such as storage facilities, a new outside art area and other new equipment to play with.

Did you know that FoSH are responsible for purchasing an Easter Egg and a present from Santa for each child as well as the leavers' gifts?!



READ ALL ABOUT IT! LATEST NEWS FROM FOSH

amazonsmile

You shop. Amazon gives.

We signed up to AmazonSmile towards the end of last year, and have raised £117.69 so far. We would like to say a big thank you to all of you who have already nominated us as your chosen charity.

amazon
wishlist

We often get asked how people can help the school and what the school needs, so 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:

https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/2CY7710OPOGTQ?ref_=wl_share

CHRISTMAS CARDS

Once again we will be organising personalised artwork cards and gifts for Christmas. Packs have been put together and been sent home. Once we have all the artwork back, we will arrange for them to be sent off for you to place your orders.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

After the huge success of the last few raffles we have held, we are looking to hold a Christmas raffle along similar lines. Here's where we need some help please - If anyone has their own business or any unwanted gifts they would like to donate as prizes we would be very grateful. Please contact us or drop into reception as soon as possible.

SECOND-HAND UNIFORM

If you need any extra top up bits or have outgrown the sizes at home then a quick, cheap and easy way to order uniform for your child is by emailing fosh@stocktonhouseschool.co.uk and we can check 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 go to FoSH plus you are doing your bit for recycling too. Win win!

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 £970 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.

BAG2SCHOOL TEXTILE COLLECTION

It's time for a good old fashioned "sort out". Tell your friends and family and get sorting out your summer wardrobe before you put it away for the year.

You can fill a black bag / bin liner with good quality clothing, shoes, bedding, towels, hats, scarfs, jewellery, bags and household linen. The school receives a commission back of 30p per kg.

We collected 219 bags and raised £192.00 at our last collection in May 2021.

Our next collection has been booked for Friday 5th Nov 2021, so please get sorting!

FOREIGN COINS

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 the good old days of 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!



Check List....

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 laying 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) Do you follow us on Facebook ? Keep up to date with what we are organising and how you can help us
<https://www.facebook.com/friendsofstocktonhouseschool>

6) Christmas Raffle - We are once again looking for donations for the raffle. Do you run your own business and are able to donate a prize ? (we can promote your business name as a thank you). Do you have any unwanted gifts you'd like to donate to be added to hampers ? We welcome donations which we can add to hampers including bottles and chocolates!

7) 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 to return outgrown items.

8) 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! Please contact fosh@stocktonhouseschool.co.uk for more information.