

**Friends of Stockton House (FoSH) is a registered charity who act as the fundraising arm of our lovely pre-school! It is made up of volunteers who are parents or staff members and is focused on raising funds for the school.**

As you know the Christmas market sadly couldn't go ahead last year yet we still managed a few things: the Christmas cards using the children's fantastic art-work (created at home), the amazing Christmas raffle as well as making Christmas novelty items which were sold to raise money for the school. In total we raised almost £650 so a massive thank you from FoSH for all your support♥

FOSH also purchased the yummy chocolate Easter eggs that the children took home this week and are now busy planning exciting fundraising activities for the Summer Term!

Please do ensure you 'like' and 'follow' the FoSH page on Facebook. If you could also interact with posts and tag your friends we'd really appreciate it. All the work we do is to help you and your children so we often research and post ideas of things to do over the holidays, special offers, etc. It would be great to get a 'like' here and there as well!

If anyone has any ideas for fundraising we would love to hear from you. All ideas welcome!

There are some ways you can help us right now. So take a moment, grab a cuppa and read on to see how!

## EXCITING FOSH NEWS

### AMAZONSMILE RAISED £38.95 SO FAR !!

We signed up to AmazonSmile towards the end of last year and would like to say a big thank you to all of you who have already nominated us as your chosen charity. We received our first donation last month of a whopping **£38.95** for online purchases made between November and December.

### AMAZON WISH LIST

Our Amazon Wish List is up and running. We often get asked how people can help the school and what the school needs, so we have created a 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. FOSH also use this list to purchase items using the money raised during the year.

A huge thank you to everyone who has bought items from the list. We have received so many parcels, all of which have been put to great use in the classrooms.

You can find the list here:

<https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/genericItemsPage/2CY7710OPOGTQ?>

### DUCK HATCHING EXPERIENCE

Due to the national lockdown last year we sadly had to cancel our planned delivery of duck eggs but it's been rebooked for the children to enjoy from w/c 7<sup>th</sup> June!

Previously we had chick eggs, which we all enjoyed watching hatch out and grow, but this time we can't wait to see fluffy ducklings waddling around our school!

### GARDEN REVAMP

Whilst physical work hasn't yet started on the big garden revamp, plans are in place and we have started purchasing items. The recent cold weather delayed the start slightly but hopefully with spring now on its way, we can begin preparing the area for the new learning shed and building the new fence line.

### INSIDE RE-FRESH

Over February half-term, the magic fairies got busy with their brushes and painted a large portion of the school corridors so inside is now looking spring fresh!

### SUMMER RAFFLE

After the huge success of the Christmas Raffle, we are looking to hold a Summer Raffle along similar lines. 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 on [fosh@stocktonhouseschool.co.uk](mailto:fosh@stocktonhouseschool.co.uk) or drop into reception.



## YOUR SCHOOL LOTTERY

As a supporter, you can join for as little as £1 per week and for this, someone in our school is guaranteed to win a weekly cash prize. The more people that participate the bigger this cash 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 £750 last year from the lottery, so you can see it really does 'pay to play'!

You can get the whole family involved, purchase as many numbers as you like and pay by weekly direct debit. Payment is made online and each week the winner is contacted via email and you can choose whether to have the money paid directly into your nominated bank account or donate it back to the pre-school. It's that simple!



## 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, thruppenny bits, six pence pieces, shillings and crowns are welcome. Check down the sofa – it's amazing what you can find down there!!

Donations can be handed in at drop off in a sealed envelope marked FoSH – there is no need to separate currencies.

## BAG2SCHOOL TEXTILE COLLCECTION

With most charity shops closed or not yet taking donations, you may be wondering what to do with your recently cleansed and sorted wardrobes? Don't despair: you can bring them to the school at drop off! Tell your friends and family and get sorting out your winter wardrobe before you put it away for the year.

Just 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 kilogram.

We collected 137 bags and raised £174.00 at our last collection in November 2020.

Our next collection has been booked for **Friday 7th May 2021**, so please get sorting!



## CASHBACK SITES

### EASYFUNDRAISING SHOPPING

Turn your everyday shopping to free donations for the school whenever you shop online. You even get cashback on Just Eat and eBay, so please do sign up and start donating today. It's really easy and costs you nothing at all. Please tell your family and friends to sign up too!

[www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friendsofstocktonhouse](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friendsofstocktonhouse)



### AMAZONSMILE CHARITY NOMINATION

**AmazonSmile** is a simple way for you to support FoSH every time you shop, at zero cost to you. **AmazonSmile** is available at [smile.amazon.co.uk](http://smile.amazon.co.uk) on your web browser but can also be activated in the **Amazon** Shopping app for iOS and Android phones. To nominate FoSH as your charity, please visit:

[smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1115133-0](http://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1115133-0)



**FoSH NEEDS YOU** - Can you spare a few hours to help with fundraising? We are looking for new members to join us as the old members leave. Being on the FoSH Committee is a great way to meet new people and have a helping hand in raising money for your child's school. Please email [fosh@stocktonhouseschool.co.uk](mailto:fosh@stocktonhouseschool.co.uk) if you're able to get involved!