

**The Friends of Stockton House (FoSH) is a registered charity manned by volunteers who act as the committee to fundraise for our lovely pre-school.**

Over the years, we have been able to purchase the popular garden play pirate ship, water tables and climbing frame; the new fencing around the digging area has all been replaced, the Nursery garden has been completely refurbished and we purchased additional resources and equipment for the classrooms. We also pay for the amazing chick hatching experience, which all the children absolutely love and gain so much from. We also buy all the summer leavers gifts and Easter Eggs – the list is endless!

The outbreak of COVID-19 this year has seen all our major events cancelled (including the Summer Fayre, leavers photos and now the Christmas Market) and so we are facing an approximate loss of £3000. We need to find new ways to raise the funds as we have some fantastic plans for the school in the pipeline, including a big garden re-vamp to provide greater accessibility for our outdoor resources and additional accessibility of the storage to allow children to play with things when they want. Furthermore, our lovely Mrs Zaki is currently training to be a credited Level 3 Forest School Leader. This will add a "Forest School"-style learning environment to our amazing pre-school of which all the children can benefit. The project will cost in the region of £5,000-£9,000 so we desperately need your help to raise money for this and make it AMAZING.

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

## COMING SOON!

### CHRISTMAS CARDS

We have gone **green** this Christmas with our environmentally-friendly Creative Card Project. We have teamed up with The Art Project for School group in partnership with the Woodland Trust. The APFS donate money to help plant more woodland across the UK with every bulk of paper they buy to print your orders. Just by placing an order with us this year, not only are you fundraising for your school, but you're also helping to plant trees and reduce carbon dioxide!

Due to the lack of helpers allowed into school, we will be asking you to get creative at home with your little ones this year.

You will soon be receiving your art pack which contains a set of instructions, and a piece of paper with a special code on the back (please do not remove this!).

Just follow the simple set of instructions on the letter; however, if you have any questions, please email fosh at [fosh@stocktonhouseschool.co.uk](mailto:fosh@stocktonhouseschool.co.uk).

There are lots of ideas online if you are stuck. A simple painted green hand upside down can be turned into a Christmas Tree (using finger dots for baubles) or green painted feet can be easily transformed into mistletoe!

We will post a few ideas as well on our FoSH page on Facebook to give you some inspiration.



### CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

As previously mentioned, the annual Christmas Market will not be able to go ahead this year. With this in mind, we have decided to offer a simple 200 Square Box Raffle, details of which will be sent out nearer the time.

You will be able to pick and purchase a number (between 1-100) for just £2.

Payments can be made in cash through book bags or directly into our bank account.

You will need to email FoSH at [fosh@stocktonhouseschool.co.uk](mailto:fosh@stocktonhouseschool.co.uk) to secure your number.

You can purchase as many numbers as you wish (remember, the more you buy the more chance you have of winning one of our fabulous hampers).

There will be a couple of fantastic hampers up for grabs, which will include family days out, pamper experiences and more.

If anyone can provide donations towards our hamper of prizes we would be very grateful - you can email us at [fosh@stocktonhouseschool.co.uk](mailto:fosh@stocktonhouseschool.co.uk)

We will be teaming up with a few local businesses who are offering specials on some of their products for you to order online directly, rather than from a stall at the event. All the details will be posted on our Friend of Stockton House School Facebook page. You will have one week to place an order with each supplier – a great way to kickstart your Christmas shopping!

# DUCK HATCHING EXPERIENCE

Due to the national lockdown earlier this year we sadly had to cancel the delivery our Duck Eggs. We will be rebooking the experience for the children to enjoy in the Spring/Summer term. Previously we have had chicks which we all enjoyed watching grow; however, we can't wait to see ducklings waddling around the school!

## ONGOING FUNDRAISING



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 prize. The more people that participate, the bigger this prize becomes (and more money is raised for the school).

On top of this, you will also be entered into a separate draw with a chance to win an amazing £25,000 EVERY WEEK!

We raised an amazing £750 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 monthly direct debit.

Each week the winner will be contacted via email and the winner's money can either be paid directly into their account or donated back to the school. It's really that simple!

We have almost 80 families here at Stockton House School yet only 12 are playing so please help us. It only costs £1 a week – less than a latte from Starbucks.



With most charity shops closed or not yet taking donations, you're possibly wondering what to do with your recently cleansed and sorted wardrobes? Don't despair, you can give them to the school at drop off!

You may fill a black bag / bin liner with clothing, shoes, bedding, towels, hats, scarfs, jewellery, bags and household linen. The school receives a commission back of 40p per kg. Please spread the word to your friends and family too and get sorting out your summer wardrobe before you put it away for the winter.

We collected 570kg and raised £240 at our last collection in July 2020.

**The next collection is booked for Friday 13th November - Please put it in your diary and spread the word. Your filled bags can be dropped off at reception between 9th-12th November.**



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 pence, six pence, shillings and crowns are welcome. Check down the sofa!!

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

## CASHBACK SITES



**AmazonSmile** is a simple way for you to support FoSH every time you shop, and at no cost to you.

**AmazonSmile** is available on your web browser and can be activated in the **Amazon** Shopping app for iOS and Android phones – 13<sup>th</sup> / 14<sup>th</sup> October is Amazon Prime day so get clicking and start donating!

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



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 very easy and costs you nothing at all. Also please tell your family and friends to sign up too.

[www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friendsstocktonhouse](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friendsstocktonhouse)