

Friends of Woodseats School Autumn Newsletter

What did we do last year?

Lego card swap	£12.70
Autumn disco	£463.15
Christmas Fair (including raffle, tombola, toy stall, games and external stalls). The class stalls also raise money at the fair as part of their enterprise week and between them raised an amazing £952 that goes directly back to the classes to be spent on the children.	£771.13
February bake sale	£53.37
Sponsored pancake flip	£226.55
Spring trail	£26.00
Easter egg competition and Bake Off	£71.85
Summer disco	£423.73
Woodseats Festival car boot sale	£179.50
Woodseats Festival stall & games	£154.37
TOTAL RAISED 2018/19	£2382.35

What have we supported?

FOWS has donated small amounts towards gardening supplies (£15.90) and last year's Leavers Disco (£50).

Our main fundraising (as requested by members of School Parliament) has been towards a fence to add to the top of the yard wall so that balls and other equipment don't get lost over the top.

We're pleased to report that this fence will soon be installed!

FOWS have donated £3000* and the school has secured external funding for the rest.

* This donation came from last year's fundraising plus money already raised by FOWS. It is approximately half the cost of the fence.



Some of last year's amazing Easter egg competition entries

Who are we?

Friends of Woodseats School (FOWS) are a group of volunteers who run events and activities with the aim of making the school welcoming and fun for all our children and their families. We also raise money to help provide extras for the children, mostly focusing on playground improvements.

FOWS Committee:

Amy Coleman (Chair) – Child in Y2
Louise Myers (Chair) – Children in Nursery and Y4
Sophie Usher (Secretary) – Children in Reception and Y4
Cat Arnold (Secretary) – Children in Y1 and Y4
Katie Brear (Treasurer) Child in Y4
Kerry Bell (Treasurer) TA in Y2 and child in Y4

Not a FOWS event, but thanks to generosity of their family and friends, our children raised an amazing £1522 on their **sponsored walk**, and FOWS member Kathyne did a much longer walk and raised a further £175 so that a wheelchair-accessible bench could be bought for the yard. Wonderful achievements from everyone to make our school even more inclusive!

What do we have planned for this year?

Here's some of the events and activities we've put in the diary for this academic year...

Bake sale and Disney card swap	Tuesday 15 October 2019
Autumn disco	Thursday 24 October 2019
Christmas Jumper Swap	Date to be confirmed
Christmas Fair	Friday 13 December 2019
Pancake flip	Tuesday 25 February 2020
Easter bake off and egg competition	Tuesday 24 March 2020

We're also planning competition this year to design a new logo – more details to come!

Plus more bake sales, discos and car boot sale – dates to be confirmed nearer the time...

How can you get involved?

As a part of the school community (whether as a parent, carer, staff member, grandparent, or school volunteer) you are automatically part of the FOWS family. That means that you're always welcome to meetings and events. Invitations and minutes for meetings are emailed to all parents and carers.

We are setting up a Whatsapp group for anyone who would like to know more volunteering activities (with no obligation to get involved!). This might be serving tea and coffee at school events, wrapping presents ready for the Christmas fair, or helping out at other FOWS events. If you'd like to be added to the group, please send your mobile number to FOWSsheffield@gmail.com. Thank you!

How to find out more:

- Contact us via email: FOWSsheffield@gmail.com
- Like the Facebook page: search for 'Friends of Woodseats School'
- Come to a meeting
- Just say hi to us!

We are keen to make our events kinder to the environment in response to the climate emergency we're all facing.

At discos we've switched from selling plastic cup drinks to providing juice and water for kids to top up their own bottles and we've stopped issuing paper tickets. We re-used plastic bottles and containers to sell plants at the Woodseats Festival stall and we are trying to reduce the use of single-use plastic in prizes and gifts for other events.

