



What is FOGS?

The Friends of George Spicer School (FOGS) is our Parent Teacher Association, acting on behalf, and in the interest, of all children and parents at the school. Any parent or carer is welcome to join FOGS and volunteer their time, ideas, expertise and enthusiasm towards helping raise money for our children and the school. Up to two members of FOGS may be staff employed at the school.

The work of FOGS is guided by a constitution which states that 'the object of FOGS is to advance the education of pupils in the school including:

1. Developing more extended relationships between the staff, parents and others associated with the school;
2. Engaging in activities, which support the school and advance the education of the pupils attending it;
3. Provide and assist in the provision of facilities or items for education at the school (not provided from statutory funds) as the committee in consultation with the Governing Body shall, from time-to-time, determine'.

As well as raising funds for the school, FOGS encourages community spirit. FOGS events raise funds but they are also well attended family days, which are enjoyed by all.

What do FOGS do?

FOGS meet monthly as a committee during the school year to plan and review events, discuss new ideas for fundraising and discuss how they can spend funds raised towards helping the school.

When do FOGS meet?

All meetings are held in the lower ground hall on the Sketty Road site at 7.30 pm. Once a year, an Annual General Meeting (AGM) is also held, normally in April. The dates of the meetings are:

Wednesday 12 September
Wednesday 17 October
Wednesday 14 November
Wednesday 12 December
Wednesday 16 January
Wednesday 13 February
Wednesday 13 March
Wednesday 24 April (including AGM)
Wednesday 22 May
Wednesday 11 June
Tuesday 2 July

How do FOGS raise funds?

Funds are raised by FOGS in a number of ways:

- Annual Summer Fun Day and Winter Wonderland.
- Organising non-uniform/donation days at the end of each half term.
- Cinema parties and discos.
- Running an annual quiz night for parents.



- Organising the sale of Christmas cards, gift tags, mugs, tea towels and eco bags which are personally designed by each child in the school.
- Organising a sponsored reading event to raise money for books and a sponsored event for Year 2 to help raise money towards their swimming lessons in Year 3.

New ideas and help to raise funds are always welcome.

How is the money raised by FOGS spent?

All of the money raised by FOGS activities has been given to the school to improve our children's educational experience. Since April 2017, FOGS have bought an outdoor classroom for Sketty Road, six clever touch screens, maths equipment and books for the whole school, projector and screen, play equipment for Reception and Year 1 children and more!

How can you join FOGS?

You can join FOGS at any time. Either speak to a FOGS member, come along to a meeting or drop us an email f0gspta1@gmail.com.

We also keep parents and carers up to date with our activities on Facebook – just search for 'George Spicer Parents' in the search box at the top of Facebook, then click the magnifying glass icon to find us. Click 'Join group' on the right-hand side of the page. (Or, once you've clicked into the group, look for the 'Join group' button at the top.)

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