



## Welcome to a New Year

FOBS would like to welcome new parents to the school and welcome back those who are already part of the FOBS family. We hope that many of you managed to drop into the welcome morning on 28<sup>th</sup> Oct but if you missed it everyone is welcome at the regular FOBS meetings. Next meeting is 19<sup>th</sup> October at 1.30pm in the school library and we'll be wrapped up in time for pick up.

The 1<sup>st</sup> two terms are always a busy time for FOBS, with the Chalke Valley Challenge returning and all our wonderful Christmas and pre-Christmas activity – so much to look forward to.

## Sports Day and End of Year Play

FOBS would like to thank all those who helped at the sports day and sold refreshments at the end of year play. The final figures are not in yet but suffice to say every penny helps and FOBS continues to contribute towards the range of extra-curricular activities that make such a lasting impression on our children. We are truly lucky to have all these opportunities in a time when school budgets are squeezed and it only happens through the generous volunteering and participation of parents and families. THANK YOU!!!

## Chalke Valley Challenge (CVC)

14<sup>th</sup> Oct

Well our very own FUN RUN - well amble, trot, trudge, skip or any other means of perambulation – is rapidly approaching and we would like to encourage each and every one of you to come and join the fun.



The start gun will be fired at 10.30 so not too early a start. There is a 3km circuit that is perfect for families

with younger children and a 10km circuit for those who wish to challenge themselves.

There will be a breakfast, brunch BBQ before, during and after the event so do come and munch a bacon roll in preparation for a mornings gentle, or extreme exercise (whichever is your preference) or just come along to watch the spectacle.

The Chalke Valley Challenge is our single biggest fund raiser and fingers crossed will raise somewhere in the region of £2000.

## CVC Needs YOU!!

We want runners – so even if lycra isn't your look of choice – please do come down and walk or jog the course with friends and family. A little exercise will justify that hot dog or post run Sunday Lunch. For keen runners this is your chance to compete with your mates and earn the bragging rights for the year.



The event is also only possible due to the generous help of volunteers. If you are able to offer your help even if it's only for half an hour before or after the race then please do let the committee know. Either drop in the volunteer form that when out in book bags or contact the committee via the following email address [chalkevalleychallenge@gmail.com](mailto:chalkevalleychallenge@gmail.com)

## Harvest Festival

I would like to thank Mrs Cope and Mrs Newsome for the earworm that is "Conkers! I'm collecting conkers" along with "Hey Seed Sower!". The choir are practicing hard and I am sure will, as always, put on a great performance at the Harvest Festival that is at 9.45am 17<sup>th</sup> October at Broad Chalke Church.





## Bag2School

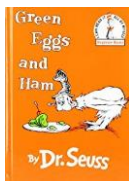
I don't know about you, but by the end of the summer my children had grown like weeds and nothing seemed to fit, so we have bags of clothes with life in them yet that need to find a new home.



Bag2School is a great way of knowing that the clothes won't go to waste and the school will benefit. Usual rules apply i.e. no towels or bedding etc. Also if you have any spare uniform in good condition FOBS regularly runs a second hand uniform stall and is grateful for donations. There is a donation box in the school entrance.

## Book Fair Week

The week commencing 1<sup>st</sup> October was Book Fair week. The school receives books in commission and your child gets a book to fire their imagination so it's a win – win situation! Thanks to all who bought books as this is another way of supporting the school.



## Trussell Trust Food Bank

Donations still welcome. Please send in non-perishable goods with your children. Canned fish or meat, coffee and tea are particularly welcome.

## Green Fingers

Gardening club has great plans for refurbishing the school garden. They are bringing proposals forward for discussion by FOBS and the Governors in the next few weeks. The Garden Club is a fantastic opportunity for children to get mud under their fingernails and learn about growing plants for both visual and eating pleasure. The club would love to recruit additional parent volunteers – many hands make light work - the

club runs in the second half of the spring term, summer term and first half of the autumn term. If you can offer either regular or occasional Friday lunch times please do contact your class rep or the school office. BTW you get to take home edible goodies and beautiful flowers.

## General Data Protection Regulation

Thanks to all the parents who have signed up to Class list and hopefully this is proving an easy and convenient way of keeping up with FOBS news and activities.

## Money for Nothing....No really

In this digital age you can raise money for FOBS with a click of the keyboard. Log on to [easyfundraising.org.uk](http://easyfundraising.org.uk) and search for "Friends of Broad Chalke School" and then if you shop online many of the retailers will give a small donation to FOBS. Waitrose, Asda including George, Tescos including F&F, Very, Next, Clarks, Boden, Expedia, Sky, Amazon are all listed so if you are shopping anyway why not let the school benefit. You can even book holidays through the portal – it doesn't add any cost and raises money for the school.

## The more the merrier

If you don't already know FOBS has its own Facebook group. Search for FOBS-Broadchalke and request to join and we'll include you in the group.



All parents are welcome to FOBS meetings, so please do come along – we sometimes have cake!!!

## FOBS Minute Taker needed

Many thanks to Vicky Wardle who has been our fantastic FOBS secretary, but who is now standing down due to other commitments. FOBS needs someone to take on this role take the minutes at FOBS meetings. **Would you be able to help with this?**

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