



Less than 50 Days to Go

Love it or hate it Christmas is coming!!



Dates to remember

- 30th Nov – Christmas Craft Day (volunteers welcome)
- 30th Nov – **FOBS AGM 1.30pm**
- 13th Dec – KS1 Nativity 2pm and 6pm @ School
- 18th Dec – KS2 Christmas Service 2pm @ BC Church
- 19th Dec – Christmas Party Day
- 20th Dec – Christmas Lunch, Christmas Jumper Day (£1) and Panto and don't forget your coins for School Council games
- 21st Dec – More School Council games and End of Term @ 1.30pm

FOBS Christmas Elves

Christmas is a very busy time for both the school and FOBS so for those new to the school, and a reminder for those old hands, FOBS contribution to the festivities include:



Catering for the Nativity (never a dry eye in the house)

– this year we will be offering tissues; mulled wine; snacks and treats. Volunteers please contact Susie Morgan or Pam Clover

SusieandGuymorgan@hotmail.com

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Creating festive hampers – each class collects contributions to fill a festive hamper with lovely seasonal treats. The hampers are raffled so look for those tickets in book bags and involve family and friends, extra tickets available from your class rep or the school office.

Secret Santa – FOBS elves will be lending Santa a hand and filling his sack with little treats for each child to be given out on Christmas Party Day. FOBS fund this from reserves so no tin rattling on this one.

Due to the success of tea towels 2 years ago we will be repeating the effort. The towels have a self-portrait of each child so are a truly personal gift for friends and relatives. Flyers will be out in book bags to place orders and a few extras will be on sale at the Nativity. For those old hands we still have a few from a couple of years ago we will also be available.

Christmas Shopping by Mouse

As families are constantly juggling the time to fit everything in, I'm sure many of you will be using online shopping this Christmas. **Please,**



Please check out easyfundraising.org.uk.

Easyfundraising is registered with many online stores including amazon, Argos, Baker Ross, moon pig....so Christmas is covered but also you can do your online food shopping; book a holiday; buy your insurance; change your mobile.

Easyfundraising links you to the retailers site so the experience is just the same, you pay no extra for the products and FOBS receives a small percentage for each transaction – **WIN, WIN, WIN!!**

Bag2School

Money for nothing! Our November Bag2School raised a whopping £315.20! Thank you all very much!





A Mahaosive THANK YOU

We can't thank the team behind the Chalke Valley Challenge enough for all their efforts.



We also want to thank all those families and friends who braved the wind & rain and ran or walked anyway. Despite the weather the event was a great success and we raised well over the anticipated £2000.

This will enable FOBS to continue the support we give to extend and expand the learning experiences our children receive. The news is full of headlines around the squeeze on school funding and the staff and Governors do an amazing job of shielding our school from the impact of these but every penny FOBS can give to enrich experiences, trips, events and facilities is a wonderful bonus.

Spending Plans

FOBS will be donating funds to the school and gardening club to rejuvenate the school produce garden. A new fence, refresh the raised beds, new plants and tools all ready for spring.

A contribution of 20% continues to go towards school trips; we will fund a Lego Mind Storms Robot Workshop for years 5 and 6; a circus skills workshop for the whole school in January; an inspiring speaker on disability awareness for Healthy Schools week – this one was requested by the children.

Plans for the future spending – you will have noticed from the School newsletter that a local author will be in school on 22nd November and the school are exploring the possibility of a longer term arrangement – where the author Julia Edwards can work with all the children to inspire them to read and really deepen and enrich their writing. FOBS are very keen, funds

allowing, to support this exciting opportunity, should another funding source not be successful.

Broad Chalke Schools is a truly exciting place to learn and long may our collective efforts and contributions continue to make all these amazing experiences possible.

Next Terms Plans So Far

School Disco – 14th February (and you'll still be home in time for that romantic dinner)

Bingo – date to be finalised

Bedtime Story Event – date to be finalised

School branded baseball caps and or hair ribbons for next year's summer sun!!!

New Ways to Get Involved

- FOBS needs a secretary to minute meetings and join our enthusiastic team
- Volunteers for the Nativity Tuck Shop
- Chalke Valley Challenge Committee – we are desperately keen to keep the momentum and rerun the CVC next year. It's an amazing experience and great for a CV or University application, maybe even be a Duke of Edinburgh project.
- BBQ Club – if you fancy yourself the pit master or the fairy grill mother – FOBS team BBQ are looking for new recruits
- 1000 Club Coordinator – a few hours a month admin to keep this amazing fund raiser going

As ever, all parents are very welcome to all FOBS meetings and details go out via Classlist.

To throw your hat in the ring for any of these opportunities please let Diana or Gemma know – contact details below.

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