



# Friends of Bedgrove Infant School

*Together we can achieve*

**Welcome back to the Spring term and wishing you a happy new year** from all of us at the Friends of Bedgrove Infant School. We wanted to kick off 2019 with an update of what we have been up to, where all the money raised has been going, what we have achieved and what's coming up....

September was a busy month with the PTA being relaunched with a new name and a new logo becoming the '**The Friends of Bedgrove School**' (**FoBIS**).

The name change came about for a desire to recruit from the wider community. We wanted to create a team made up from parents, as well as grandparents and family members. The drive behind the change has come from a dwindling amount of regular help at events, and so hopefully the new name and inclusivity of the charity, will bring new members and a new fresh drive and perspective. Everyone is welcome, and together we hope to be a great success this year.

2017/2018 was a fantastic year of fundraising and as we entered September, the Friends of team voted to make donations to all of the classes across the school. A total of £400 per year group, plus £400 to the Inclusion unit - these donations meant that the Teachers and Year Group Leaders can choose where, and what resources are needed specifically; items that would benefit their class for now and for future classes to come.

In addition to that, F1, F2 and the Inclusion team have been bought an iPad each at their request; and F2 asked for some help to fund their purchase of brand new nativity costumes for Christmas 2018. In just 3 months FoBIS has **donated back into the school just over £3000**.

Since September, FoBIS have been working exceptionally hard and held a variety of events, including - Family Fest 18, Firework night, Doughnut day, mufti days, movie afternoons, Christmas discos and the Christmas Fayre - all of which have **raised just over £5000**. A superb start to the year, and all of which can only be achieved with your support, so thank you.

We enter 2019 with plenty of drive and hope to give back even more if we can, after all it's why we do this. **Come along to our Committee meeting at 7pm on Tuesday 15th January** at School for a more indepth run through, news on events coming up, as well as having a voice on what can be improved and how to go about doing it. We need new members and a new wave of enthusiasm to join us. Without people behind the scenes we cannot run the events we hope to run, which would be such a shame to us, our children and to the school.

And lastly, **The Quiz Night, Friday 25th January** from 7.45pm. A brilliant night out for all the grown ups, compered by the awesome Secret Drummer plus a bar, pizzas and a whole lot of competitiveness. Get a team together! Tickets available later this week.

Future events are always advertised on Facebook and within the School calendar. You can also keep up to date with FoBIS via Facebook [@BISFriends](#)