

FOMS

NEWSLETTER

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Happy new year and welcome back!

We hope you all had a lovely relaxing time over the festive period and the children all enjoyed themselves.

It has been a particularly busy time for FOMS since our last newsletter in October. Activities such as Film Night, Pumpkin Carving, Halloween Disco, Wreath Making and the Christmas Fair

have kept us on our toes. Thank you all for supporting these activities, especially in the busy run up to Christmas.

As mentioned in the last newsletter, we were fundraising £10,000 to pay for new touchscreens in the classrooms and we are delighted to tell you that these have now been paid for.

Looking ahead we have some fantastic events lined up including a parents' quiz and curry night, kids' disco, mother and fathers' day gifts and our popular egg rolling tombola.

Please continue to support us in any way you can and get in touch if you feel you can help.

How will fundraising support our children this year?

The school plans to replace the IT suite with new computers and move the existing ones to the classrooms. This is due to a recent update to the operating system making the classroom computers incompatible and therefore redundant. This will be one of our main focuses for this year, to ensure that the children can continue to learn on suitable equipment.

In addition to this activity are our regular contributions to class budgets and year 6 leavers' hoodies. There will also be an opportunity for one lucky class to win the chance of choosing which other project gets our support this year. This will be in conjunction with our 100 Club activity, mentioned overleaf.



Helping needn't be a chore

We really need your help! Please don't be put off thinking that it has to be a full time or regular commitment. It can be as much, or as little, as you can offer. And truly every offer counts!

Fundraising for our children is extremely rewarding. Do something to help that you'd enjoy: baking, crafts, cocktail making? We are very creative with how we can get you involved!

Could you, or a group of you, take on a new or established FOMS activity? We'd love to hear from you as we are currently restricted by how much time our team have so do get in touch!

How can you keep informed of FOMS activities?

On Facebook, type in 'Friends of Mereworth School' and click 'join'. This is an easy way to get FOMS information. We also have a Messenger group for our regular and occasional helpers so let us know if you would like to be added.

Start fundraising the easy way with no added cost to you!

Easyfundraising enables us to raise money for the school at zero extra cost to you. It's a no brainer! So PLEASE sign up and then REMEMBER to open the link before shopping on line.

For those who haven't already, It's so simple to get going- all you have to do is:

1. Go to <http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/mereworthcps>

2. Sign up for free
3. Get shopping and start raising

If you are booking a holiday this year please make sure you do this through Easyfundraising, it raises a great deal of money without any extra cost to you, with no catches and no hidden charges.

What's more you could win 10% of the money we make this year! The biggest spender receives a cash prize totalling 10% of the annual total raised. Our lucky winner will be notified at Sports Day.

Don't forget to ask family or grandparents to sign up, or anyone you know who is a big internet shopper!

For questions on Easyfundraising, feel free to ask the FOMS team. Ask in the school office if you don't know who we are or contact us via the Facebook group.



Could you be our 2019/2020 winner? Cash prize to be won!



Quiz and curry night

If you love a quiz, a curry, a few drinks and lots of laughs then don't miss this event for parents and friends on Saturday 1st February 7pm- 11pm.

Last year's Quiz and Chilli night had such great feedback that we have decided to re-run the fun! Highlights from last year were the 'guess the chocolate' round and the quiz master's 'sing the answers' round!

This year, don't expect your average quiz, there will also be a few surprises thrown in too, so book the babysitter, arrange shared taxis and fill out a booking form today.

A new approach to uniform sales

Listen out for announcements coming soon on our new approach to second hand uniform sales. The new system aims to provide you with the flexibility to get what you want, when you want thanks to our two uniform helper elves!

Upcoming FOMS dates for your diary

Quiz and Curry Night

1st February

Pyjama Day

14th February

Kids Disco

28th February

Mothers' Day Gifts

20th March

Egg Rolling and Tombola

1st April

If you can offer any help with the above events then please do speak to any of the FOMS team or Mrs Beaumont in the office. We would love you to help us in our fundraising efforts and to support our school. Thank you!



The 100 Club

We are launching our new initiative - the 100 Club. The idea is that an annual subscription of £10 secures you one of our 100 numbers for the year. Each term a number will be picked at random and the winner will receive a cash prize of £50, which will go up to £100 in Term 2 at Christmas.

Whatever happened to the School Cookbook?

Due to low numbers of recipes for the Mereworth School Cookbook we have postponed this activity until a less busy time of the year.

All entries that were created previously have been kept. We received some beautifully crafted recipes and would love to use them. So, listen out for news on reviving the cookbook again soon!

As we are going to be starting this soon, we will initially be offering discounted subscriptions as there will only be 4 terms left this year. More details will be available soon. Fingers crossed...IT COULD BE YOU!!!

