



EXCITING NEWS FROM FOMS

On the FOMS team it's really important to find ways of raising money which involve as little monetary contribution from parents and carers as possible. With this in mind, we applied to be a Co-op Community Charity of choice earlier in the year. This involved a lot of paperwork and surviving various nerve-wracking rounds of voting.

Thankfully the hard work paid off and we are delighted to announce that we have been chosen as a Co-op Community Charity for the year ahead. Only three causes are chosen locally each year, so this is a great honour and a fantastic opportunity.

What does this mean?

This means we have a one-year window (ending on 22nd October 2022), during which Co-op members can choose Friends of Mereworth as their chosen cause, meaning that for every £1 that a member spends on selected Co-op branded products (unfortunately, this does not include fuel, tobacco or lottery tickets), 2p is donated to our fund account. We have the potential to raise a considerable amount of money for the school.

What are we raising money for?

We are raising money for a sensory garden to provide a calming space for the children and to support their emotional wellbeing. It will also be used as a shared space for the wider school community. Further information can be found [here](#).

What needs to be done?

If you are already a Co-op member, then all you need to do is login to your membership account, either online or via the app, and select Friends of Mereworth as your chosen cause. Then it's simply a case of remembering to swipe your membership card every time you make a purchase at the Co-op.

How does someone become a member?

There are several simple ways of applying for membership, the cost of which is £1. You can download the app or visit the [website](#). Once you're all signed up you can choose Friends of Mereworth as your cause, and then it's simply a case of remembering to swipe your card every time you pop out on a snack run.

What about family and friends?

Please do encourage your family and friends to get involved. The more members donating to our cause the bigger our pot of funds at the end. If your friends and family live further afield but want to get involved, please send them this link <https://membership.coop.co.uk/causes/61697> and they will be able to select Friends of Mereworth as their cause once they have become members.

We would really appreciate it if you could all get behind this as it's a really easy way to raise money for the school without having to dig deep into our own pockets. We just have to remember to swipe those membership cards!

As always, we are very grateful for all your help in raising funds for the school.

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