

# Friends of St Peter's News

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Autumn 2020

## A VERY WARM WELCOME TO THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR AND OUR FIRST YEAR AS A FULL PRIMARY SCHOOL!

We hope you have all enjoyed the summer break. I am sure you will all agree it is great to be back at school, see everyone again and meet all our new families, albeit at a safe distance!

As always a big thank you to all our families for supporting our fundraising events. We could not have raised such magnificent amounts of money in the past for the school without your support, enthusiasm and encouragement. The coming year will be more challenging than ever from a fundraising perspective. We hope you will continue to support us during these unusual times.

We are currently putting together a programme of virtual and socially distanced events, which we hope you will all enjoy and be involved in. As you can imagine fundraising events this year will look a bit different. Please appreciate that due to the current restrictions we are not able to hold some of our much-loved events in the traditional format but we will aim to offer a range of alternative activities throughout the year.

If anyone has any great new ideas for events or challenges please let us know. We always welcome any offers of help and ideas!



## This Coming Monday

### Rags2Riches

Having a clear out? Don't forget to gather up all your reusable, good quality clothing and donate them to the school. Through Rags2Riches we can turn your reusable clothes into money for St. Peter's. For a full list of items that can be donated please visit [www.rags2riches4schools.co.uk](http://www.rags2riches4schools.co.uk)

Bagged donations will be accepted at the church car park or The Plough car park on the morning of the **Monday 28th September before 9am.**



## FOSPS AGM

The Friends of St. Peter's will be holding their Annual General Meeting on **Monday 19th October at 9am.**

We will be approving the Reports and Accounts for 2019-2020, considering the re-election or the election of trustees, if candidates put themselves forward, and discussing upcoming fundraising events for this year.

**We have 5 trustee positions: Chairperson, 2 Deputy Chairs, Treasurer and Secretary**

Four positions are filled currently. As per our constitution, trustees in these roles are required to be re-elected at the AGM if they wish to carry on for another year. Expressions of interest are welcomed for any position; however, one of the Deputy Chair roles is vacant and would be a priority to fill in order to maximise the contribution the FOSPs trustees can make to the School. **If you wish to become a trustee please email us to register your interest by Monday 12th October.**

Unless Covid restrictions are tightened further, 6 of us, namely the 4 current trustees and 2 further members, will aim to meet in person. If you would like to join us virtually, please fill in the Parentmail form by Monday 12th October so we can gauge interest and set up a virtual meeting. We are confident that we will have the required numbers of a minimum of two trustees and a minimum of three members to make the meeting quorate. *If you would like to become a member of FOSPs and have not already filled in a FOSPs GDPR Membership Form, please complete the attached form and email it to [friendsofstpetersalvescot@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofstpetersalvescot@gmail.com) by Monday 12th October.*

### The Current FOSPs Trustee Team

Chair: Andrea Boyle (Mum to Elissa in Pegasus)  
Deputy Chair: Vera Benson (Mum to Helena in Pegasus)  
Secretary: Lesley Brinklow (Mum to Erin in Tucana)  
Treasurer: Kath Gamage (Mum to Evie in Phoenix and Harry in Cygnus)

## Message from the Treasurer

### We're going contactless!



As you can imagine we've not only had to rethink how we raise school funds this year but also how we collect those funds. With this in mind, we've decided we won't be taking any cash payments for the foreseeable future.

For every event you will have the choice of donating/paying via a TEXT GIVING service or via a direct bank transfer to the FOSPs account. Some virtual events we hold might facilitate payment directly via a third party website. We may later introduce PayPal, if there is enough call for it, but we also have to consider processing time for volunteers.

We would be very grateful if people could pay promptly for events to reduce the time volunteers spend chasing payments. Payments can be made in seconds using the TEXT GIVING service, so hopefully we'll all find that very useful! **Many thanks for your understanding and continued support. Kath**



*A Big Thank You and Fond Farewell*

Many thanks to Emma Fairclough who has designed much of FOSPs' graphics and the newsletters for the last few years. I am sure all our families will join the FOSPs trustees in thanking Emma for all the hours and hard work that she has put in to designing such attractive posters and wonderful newsletters. Emma's beautifully designed graphics have been enjoyed and appreciated by many St. Peter's' families over the years.

Emma is now passing on the mantle of FOSPs' graphics whizz, if there are any graphic designers out there who would like to help FOSPs in producing posters, events graphics and the newsletter, please email FOSPs.

# Upcoming Fundraising Events

## The Harvest Trail and Virtual Show

We are currently making plans for our Harvest Trail and Virtual Show!

Our ever-popular **Harvest Show Competition** will comprise of 2 categories this year:

- ❖ **Best Harvest Artwork**
- ❖ **Best Decorated Pumpkin**

Your fabulous entries will be shown virtually and there will be 2 age ranges for each category Foundation and KS1, and KS2. So get your creative caps on! There will be a small prize for each category winner in both age ranges.

The **Harvest Trail** will be set up around the village and **run for 2 weeks** from the **20th October until the 1st November**.

The cost for entering **The Harvest Trail and Virtual Show** will be **£5**.

Details on how to pay and enter will follow soon!

**Calling all budding artists!** Look out for scarecrow or harvest pictures in your book bags. Please help us by decorating and returning them to school. Then try and spot your creation along the trail.



## Active October

Get your trainers on and help raise money for our school! Do 5km of your favourite activity, donate £5 and nominate 5 of your friends or family to do the same. More information to follow soon!

## Silver Smarties

Start collecting your loose change! This October half term will be asking your children to lend a helping hand around the house and the garden in return for coins! More details to follow soon.

## Virtual Balloon Race

We hope to hold a virtual balloon race in the run up to Christmas. This is a new event for us and we're rather excited about it. Please watch out for more information later in the year.

## Christmas Cards

We will be offering the opportunity for the pupils to design their very own Christmas Cards through Class Fundraising again this year. Please look out for the design template, which will be coming out in book bags soon.

## Christmas Raffle Prizes

If any one would like to donate a prize for the Christmas raffle or hamper this year it would be very gratefully received. If you wish to contribute a prize please email [friendsofstpetersalvescot@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofstpetersalvescot@gmail.com)



## 5 EASY WAYS TO SUPPORT ST. PETER'S

### Easyfundraising

Help raise funds for school without spending an extra penny! It is really easy to register and there are no hidden charges or catches simply head to [www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stpetersceschoolalvescot/](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stpetersceschoolalvescot/) and join for free.

### [www.stamptastic.co.uk](http://www.stamptastic.co.uk)

If you're planning on labelling new uniform, please have a look at [www.stamptastic.co.uk](http://www.stamptastic.co.uk). If you quote our school code **OX182PU** on any orders we also benefit from 15% commission!

### School Uniform

School has a list of second hand uniform. If you would like any please email the office the size and item required and it will be sent home with your children if in stock. Any donations would be gratefully received!

### School Wish Lists

Thank you so much for all the wonderful books that the school has received over the last academic year. We look forward to helping to fill the school libraries further in 2020-2021 and helping fund more essential STEM resources. If you would like to donate items directly to the school via the wish lists, here are the links:

**Amazon literacy wish list:** [https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/149BAT5186744/ref=cm\\_go\\_nav\\_hz](https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/149BAT5186744/ref=cm_go_nav_hz)

**Amazon STEM wish list:** [https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/39V8N3RZ9GOTG/ref=cm\\_go\\_nav\\_hz](https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/39V8N3RZ9GOTG/ref=cm_go_nav_hz)

Pre-loved copies of these books are also available and would be equally valued as gifts to the school. When you have chosen what you would like to buy please add a note to 'gift options' with your details, for example, 'Kindly donated by the Peters Family', so that the school can add an inscription in the front of the book.

### Birthday Books

To celebrate your child's birthday, why not purchase a book from the Amazon wishlist for them to share with their classmates. A bookplate will be inserted into your chosen book with the inscription, 'Kindly donated to St. Peter's to celebrate (child's name)'s (age) th birthday'

### Or you can join the 50/50 Lotto!

**This will be one of our main fundraisers this year so if you can please support it. Remember the more people who enter the bigger the prize pot will be!**

You can still join the Lotto and take part in the first draw of the new academic year to be held at the end of October. The draw runs for 10 months of the year from October to July and is drawn on the last Friday of the month. If you wish to take part please fill out the attached form and return it to [friendsofstpetersalvescot@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofstpetersalvescot@gmail.com) by **Monday 12th October**.