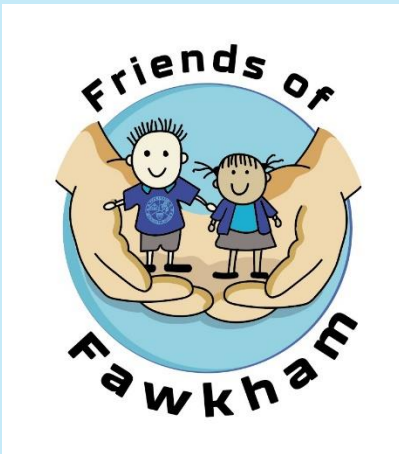


# FoF Newsletter

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## FoF AGM!

The FoF AGM will be held on the [3<sup>rd</sup> October at 7.30pm via zoom](#). The zoom link will be sent to all parents via ParentMail. Everyone is welcome to join the AGM to find out a little bit more about what FoF does for the school and what we achieved last year, by joining the AGM you are not joining FoF but there will be a chance for you to volunteer yourself to join the team and help to raise vital funds for the school and our children if you wish. If you do choose to join FoF but then find you would like to leave, this is absolutely fine, we all understand that finding the time to be on the PTA can be a struggle sometimes, however it is much easier to join and leave then it is to try and join later in the year so we would suggest you join us if you are considering it and see how you get on!

## The New Adventure Playground!

We hope that your children have all been very excited and told you all about the new adventure playground that has been installed over the summer holiday. FoF would like to say a huge thank you to Greene Construction Services Ltd, DCR Services and L&L Creative Spaces for their involvement and help with the installation of this fabulous addition to the school over the summer break. We are pleased to announce that we have sent invitations to all the companies involved in the build as well as the local councilors,

governors and a representative from The Village Advertiser inviting them to attend our Mini-Grand Opening that is going to take place at 2.15pm on **Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September**.

We will also have students from the school, that will be selected by Miss Bridges, to join this event and we will be welcoming parents along at collection time to have a look at the new playground as well as meet the FoF team and all those involved in the build. FoF will be available for you to ask any question you may have before the AGM and we will also have some refreshments available for you and your children to purchase if you wish to. We hope to see as many of you as possible to celebrate the opening of this fantastic project.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September – Grand opening**

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October - AGM (Zoom meeting at 7.30 – Link to be sent out nearer date)**

As always, we are always trying to plan and think of new events and ways to raise money for your children and our school, if you have any suggestions, please let a member of FoF know.

## Individual Class and school wish lists.

As we know the school budget this year has been drastically cut back. Therefore the school and FoF will be working together to create wish lists both in school and online via amazon where parents may, if they wish to, look at what items the school and classes need and purchase if they would like to. Please keep an eye out for updates about this project.



# 2024 Goals

FoF's main goal for the academic year 2023/2024 is to help the school with vital funding whilst also creating enjoyable memories for the children.

We are hoping to do this by hosting many more events for the children to take part in as well as continuing with our Funday Fridays. Following the success of last year, we will hopefully continue to hold stalls at all local events as well as applying for funding and grants that we may be entitled to. As always FoF needs your help to make these events happen and to raise these

essential funds for the school. We understand that reductions in the school budget have meant that the school have had to make huge cutbacks themselves on the resources they are able to purchase. So this year, more than ever, FoF will be needed to try and help! We will be continuing to help the school with the cost of reading material for the students as well as hopefully helping individual classrooms to purchase resources and equipment that is not covered by the school budget.

## How can you help FoF.

FoF is the Parent Teachers Association that currently consists of 6 committee members. All of our current members are parents of students who attend the school. You can help FoF out in a number of ways. We are always looking for helpers to assist with the running or stalls and events both inside and outside of school. This does not mean you are a member of the committee but you will be added on to the FoF helper's WhatsApp group chat. You are not expected to help at events, but due to the fact that we have such a small committee it helps to spread the workload if you are able to help at any

events! You can also donate directly to our new JustGiving page though the QR code below. Please share this as far and wide as you can in the hope of raising some extra pennies for our school. This year at the AGM we are hoping to welcome some new positions on the team so please do consider coming along and joining us if there is anything you feel you may be able to help with. We will be sending out a separate letter that will outline some of the new positions we will have available and please pop along to our AGM if you can.



## **Secondhand uniform**

If you have any uniform your child has outgrown, could you please donate this to FoF for our second-hand uniform sale. You can hand your donations straight to the school or to any member of the FoF committee. We ask that all donations are in good condition please.

Although FoF mostly sells embroidered uniforms, we will still accept donations of basic uniform such as dresses and polos. Anything we can't use will be donated to other charities.

If you are interested in purchasing any second-hand uniform, please find Sharon Hickton who will be able to help you out!

## Friends of Fawkham social media!

This year, FoF will be setting up a new social media page that will be run and monitored by FoF members. This will be a place where you will be able to find out more about events we are running, the projects we are raising funds for within the school, make suggestions, donations and ask any questions you may have. We hope that parents will find this both informative and a good place to see what your donations are being spent on as well as all the work that the FoF team put in to help raise funds for the school. Alongside this we will have quick links to the most needed items from the Class and School Wishlist where you will be able to purchase these items for the school if you wish to.

## **Whats new for FoF?**

