

FRIENDS OF FIRLE SCHOOL CHARITY NEWSLETTER

AUTUMN TERM 1

24TH SEPTEMBER 2021

WELCOME BACK

YOU CAN TELL FROM
THIS SPACE WE NEED A
LOGO!

(SEE FINAL PAGE)

First of all welcome back to school and to our first newsletter of the academic year. Welcome to all the new children and families!

There's quite a lot of information, so this is a one off with all info included! Sit down with a cuppa and have a read!



Usually the newsletter looks like this!

First things first...

You are all members of Friends of Firle School Charity (FOFS Charity) just by being families at school. There are all kinds of ways we stay in touch so please make sure you:

1. Join your Class WhatsApp group (ask a parent/ carer in your class to add you)
2. If you are on Facebook, please ask to join the Private Group for Families and also LIKE and SHARE the public Friends of Firle School Charity page.
3. Our email address is friendsoffirleschool@gmail.com
4. We also send out emails via the school office.

What is FOFS

We are a Team of people who organise, plan and run fundraising events. We aim for one a month. We do all sorts of various things from Lego walks, Husky racing, Dog trials, Horse Trials, Family Camp, Christmas Fete, School Lottery, Spooky Trails, Bake Sales, Frozen Fridays and Car Washes... and welcome all new ideas. The more bizarre the better! The money raised goes towards classroom equipment and any essentials required by children and staff. Currently we are raising money for a NEW PLAYGROUND (£70,000 ish) and 5 laptops (£500 ish each). Last year we spent just over £5300 and we raised **over £2700** and if we managed that during a pandemic imagine what we can achieve this year!



Currently the Team is Helen (Buzzy's Mum) and Fay (Ruben's Mum) as Co-Chairs, with Anne Marie (Alex and Torren's Mum) and Miriam (Winter's Mum) as Co-Secretaries and Laura (Martha and Frieda's Mum) as Treasurer. There are loads more people doing jobs in the background – such as baking cakes, filling in grant

forms, setting up clothing banks, manning stalls, updating the amazon wish list - all sorts! We have regular catch ups to discuss upcoming events and ways to raised money which are either at school or at The Ram in the evenings. You are all welcome. The more the merrier!

We do need a NEW CO-CHAIR as Helen is stepping down after 3 years in December and an additional TREASURER to support Laura in her role. Please speak to us if you are keen to get more involved. It's great fun and just takes however much time you have available. All kinds of skills are needed (from graphic design to baking, marketing to form filling, photography to face painting)

THINGS TO SIGN UP FOR THAT MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE

- **EasyFundraising** – an online fundraising tool. We have raised over £200 just by people signing up and doing their shopping (we don't see what you buy, but get pennies each time you shop) Just click here to sign up and you can download the app too! Don't forget to share with family and friends. Every time someone signs up we get £5!
<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/firlecoeps/>



You can help us WIN from a £5,000 prize fund in the new #easyfundraising Refer to Win competition!

Firle Church of England Primary School will get a FREE entry each time a new supporter signs up before the 1st October! It only takes a moment and it's completely free, so please get involved if you haven't already!

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/firlecoeps/?invite=YBVAM2&referral-campaign=c2s&utm_campaign=raise-more&utm_source=social&utm_medium=whatsapp&utm_content=r2w21-w1

- **My School Lottery** – we recently signed up for this and have had a winner every week so far. Just click the link and set up a direct debit or make a one off payment for entries. Please share this with your family and friends too as it is a great way to get funds from outside of the

school community.

<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/firle-church-of-england-school>

Calling All Wizards

SUPPORT OUR LOTTERY AND YOU COULD WIN:

Harry Potter & The Cursed Child Family Theatre Voucher & Harry Potter Warner Brothers Studio Family Tour Ticket

- ☐ Please help boost school fundraising
- ☐ Cash prize every week
- ☐ Win up to £25,000
- ☐ Tickets cost just £1 a week

To play the lottery, go to:
www.yourschoollottery.co.uk
and search for: Firle

Supporters must be 16 years of age or older. Offer ends 30th Oct 2021. Terms and conditions apply (see website)

OTHER ONGOING THINGS

- We have a **CLOTHING BANK** in the Firle Village Car Park. There is a clear list of what can be put into it and things that are not taken. Since we had this installed we have received over £300
- Mrs Miller (Business Manager in the school office) has set up a **RECYCLING SCHEME FOR BATTERIES, BISCUIT WRAPPERS AND CRISP PACKETS** so keep storing them up at home then drop them into school

UPCOMING EVENTS



We need volunteers to wash cars,
sell cakes, make tea and bake
cakes please.

Sign up on the sheet on the gate.
CAN YOU GET MATCH FUNDING
FROM YOUR EMPLOYER for cake
sales or car wash total?

We need volunteers to help
with donating food, serving,
cooking, general crowd
control! Sign up on the gate.

CAN YOU GET MATCH
FUNDING FROM YOUR
EMPLOYER?

SPONSORSHIP FORM TO
FOLLOW



SPOOKY TRAIL

Around Firle, this is a lovely trail to follow during half term. More information to follow.

2022 CALENDAR

Following on from last year's hugely successful Calendar, we are creating another one. Featuring children from school around the local area. The PERFECT Christmas gift. Order forms will be available for pre-order only.

Please fill in and return the model release form, giving us permission to photograph your child for this purpose (at the end of this newsletter.) This will be happening very soon (end Sept- early Oct). Photos will be taken by Anne Marie and James, edited by Finn and Helen will organise where to go and when and let you know! Also, please get in touch if you would like to sponsor the calendar. Sponsorship starts at £30 with 36 spaces available. **TEA**

TOWELS

Sam has kindly said she will organise tea towels again, featuring all our lovely children's faces in time for Christmas – another perfect gift.

LOGO COMPETITION

Now we are officially a charity, it is about time we had our own logo. We would LOVE your children to design it, so be creative! Template at the end of this newsletter.

JOBS TO DO

1. Join WhatsApp and Facebook groups and pages
2. Sign up for Easy Fundraising and share
3. Sign up for School Lottery and share
4. Fill in model release form and return for Calendar photos.
5. Sign up to help at Car Wash and Fire Walk
6. Get Sponsors for FIREWALK and match funding if possible!
7. Think about joining FOFS Charity as Co- Chair and Co-Treasurer.

If you want to get in touch email us at friendsoffirleschool@gmail.com

See you soon!

The Friends of Firle Team

Model Release Form 2022 Calendar

FOFS Charity

In valuable and good consideration of my engagement as a model (Participant), upon the terms herewith stated, I hereby give to [Friends of Firle], his/her heirs, legal representatives and assigns, those for whom The Photographer is acting, and those acting with his authority and permission:

- a) The unrestricted right and permission forever to copyright and use, re-use, publish, and republish photographic portraits or pictures of me or in which I may be included intact or in part, composite or distorted in character or form, without restriction as to changes or transformations in conjunction with my own or a fictitious name, or reproduction hereof in colour or otherwise, made through any and all media now or hereafter known for illustration, art, promotion, advertising, trade, or any other purpose whatsoever.*
- b) I also permit the use of any text material in connection therewith.*
- c) I hereby relinquish any right that I may have to examine or approve the completed product or products or the advertising copy or printed matter that may be used in conjunction therewith or the use to which it may be applied.*
- d) I hereby release, discharge and agree to save harmless the Photographer, his/her heirs, legal representatives or assigns, and all persons functioning under his/her permission or authority, or those for whom he/she is functioning, from any liability by virtue of any blurring, distortion, alteration, optical illusion, or use in composite form whether intentional or otherwise, that may occur or be produced in the taking of said picture or in any subsequent processing thereof, as well as any publication thereof, including without limitation any claims for libel or invasion of privacy.*
- e) I hereby affirm that I am over the age of majority and have the right to contract in my own name. I have read the above authorization, release and agreement, prior to its execution; I fully understand the contents thereof. This agreement shall be binding upon me and my heirs, legal representatives and assigns.*

I am also aware that these terms are subject to negotiation, deletion or addendum, which may be valid if handwritten on this release and initialled and dated by both parties [Friends of Firle] next to the modification or any modification that is typed and signed by both parties. Modifications may be implied by any releases/contracts with my employer without my notice by the Photographer.

Child's name and class

Adult Phone number

Email address

Date

Print name (ADULT)

Signature of participant (or legal guardian)

Permission to save your details to contact you via FOFS Charity. (please circle)

Yes No

MATCH FUNDING EXPLAINED!

Dear Parents/ Carers,

You will hopefully be aware of the fantastic work we are all doing to raise funds for our school. We wanted to take this opportunity to let you know about the match-funding scheme and how a little bit of your time could raise double the funds for FOFS Charity.

If you work for an organisation that has a match funding policy, any money you raise could be matched by your employer. Companies may match the fundraising total for an event, or for the stall that their employee is working on. Usually, the employee will need us to supply them with a letter detailing the date and nature of the event, together with the total raised.

We understand that the high street banks, building societies, supermarkets and large corporations are likely to do match-funding, but these schemes are not exclusive to the major corporate giants. If you work for an independent company, they may be interested in charitable giving through match-funding too.

We would be grateful if you could see if your employer has a match-funding scheme, or if they are willing to match-fund any of our events. If you can't help out this time, but you know the company you work for has a match-funding policy, please let us know. This could be a really large source of income for Friends of Firle School Charity and help us raise money for the new playground and laptops.

If you are able to help us this way, please let us know and we can discuss your companies' requirements. friendsoffirleschool@gmail.com helen.sadler@me.com (Helen mobile 07789112721)

Thank you so much for your ongoing support.

Helen, Fay and FOFS Charity Team!

Friends of Firle School Charity LOGO competition!

Please ask you child to design a logo for our school charity. This will be used for every event and on any emails sent out

- Please include the words **Friends of Firle School Charity**
- Use colour
- Try to stay inside the box
- Be imaginative!

Designs to be handed in to the office on Monday October 4th please.
The winner will receive a book token.

Many thanks
Friends of Firle Team

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