

Hello! We hope everyone is nicely settled into their school routines and are enjoying the first half term of the year. We are excited for the new year ahead, and with Covid-19 restrictions well and truly behind us (touch wood!!) we are looking forward to a fun-filled year, packed with events and activities to enjoy together, while also raising money for all those extra special resources and experiences for our children and their fabulous school. We know that the cost-of-living crisis is going to mean we'll all be a little more stretched, and so this newsletter has lots of ways that you can support our fundraising without it costing you a penny, as well as information and dates for lots of events and activities for the whole family to enjoy together. Read on for details.

The PTA is a constantly evolving group, changing as parents and pupils move through the school, and we are excited to introduce 3 new members of the team. See who's who in this years FOWS committee on page 2. As well as welcoming the new, we must also say farewell to two retiring committee members – Blod & Lianne. Thank you to you both for all the time and enthusiasm you have given to FOWS and Woodlea. Your contribution has been very appreciated, and meetings will not be the same without you.

Fundraising success!

Last year, with your support, we raised £5152.12!!

We squirrelled this away throughout the year and are delighted to let you know that over the summer we funded **13 Chromebooks** for the school. This means that there are now enough for a whole class, so every child will have their own laptop & mouse when doing ICT work at school. The computers have arrived and are already being used in every class throughout the school. 😊



The Big PTA Summer Raffle

Last term we took part in the Big PTA Summer raffle. **41 supporters bought 154 tickets** and raised **£231** for FOWS and Woodlea.

Thank you to everyone who bought tickets! 😊

We will be signing up to the **Big PTA Christmas raffle** this term (as well as our fabulous Winter Raffle!) and hope that even more parents and grandparents will be able to support us. If you can't buy a ticket yourself, please share the link with family, friends, and colleagues when you see it as tickets can be purchased by anyone.



5 Ways to support FOWS for FREE!! 😊😊😊

- 1. Bag2School:** Every term we have a clothes and textiles collection by Bag2School, who pay us by weight for the donation. So, when your children outgrow their clothes and shoes, or you replace any household textiles like bed sheets and towels, assuming they're in good condition just pop it in a bin bag & keep hold of it until our next collection.
- 2. Easy Fundraising:** This is a platform that raises donations from online shops & businesses when you shop. To sign up **go to [easyfundraising.org.uk](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk)** and select **Woodlea Primary School, Bordon** as your cause. We recommend installing the reminder app to your search engine and/or iOS device so you never miss a donation!
- 3. Pay with Better Points:** The Better Points App is designed to encourage a more active lifestyle. You earn points by, walking, running or cycling from A to B. Your points can then be redeemed with local businesses & organisations, including us! So, you can now use Better Points to pay for tickets to our events and activities.
- 4. Amazon Smile:** Much like Easy Fundraising, but on Amazon! All the same items and prices but by going to **[smile.amazon.co.uk](https://www.smile.amazon.co.uk)** instead of the normal Amazon website and choosing **Friends of Woodlea School Bordon** as your charity. they will give us a % of your purchase.
- 5. Volunteer:** Whether you chaperone a disco or wrap up grotto gifts. Your time costs nothing but is priceless to us and really makes a difference. Your time could be extra valuable if your employer has a **Match Funding scheme** too. And you never know... You might even have fun!!

Going Paperless!

In the summer term we trialled a paperless system, using Google forms to sign up for our pre-booked events and activities.

Aside from the environmental benefits, this has proven to be a much more efficient system than paper forms, as Google is able to automatically generate a spreadsheet based on the form replies. As volunteers, anything that saves us time is a big plus. We have therefore decided to continue with this system and hope that you will support us in implementing this.

Google forms does not require an app and can be accessed on any smartphone, tablet, or computer. Just click the link in the email/text from school & off you go!

Please note that a Google form is totally separate from the Bopp payment system, which is a secure, cashless payment option. If you prefer to pay with cash, you can continue to do so by placing the correct money in a clearly labelled envelope and popping it into the FOWS post box after you have completed the online form. We will then reconcile the form reply with the payment.

Preloved Clothing

Woodlea & FOWS love to recycle and reuse!

This week we are collecting any good quality, outgrown **fancy dress costumes** that could be given a new home. Given the time of year, spooky costumes are welcome but anything is gratefully received. Please put any fancy dress outfits for school aged children in our uniform collection bin, which has been moved to just in front of the FOWS noticeboard for ease this week and will be there until Wednesday 19th October.

Last year we started collecting and selling pre-loved uniform, and this proved to be very popular. So, if you are wondering what to do with last year's uniform look no further! If it's still in good condition (no stains or holes, sleeve cuffs intact etc) you can simply pop your old school jumpers, cardigans, and PE shirts into our uniform collection bin. This is usually located in front of the FOWS storage shed, which can usually be found in the back of the car park, to the right of the KS2 gate.



Rainbow Pumpkin Trail
A FREE activity to do while you're out and about over half term!
We have hidden 8 colourful pumpkins at popular locations around Whitehill & Bordon.
Can you find them all?

We are running this free activity during half term & entry sheets will be coming home in book bags next week. Every child who finds them all will win a treat and be entered in to a grand prize draw!

Meet this years FOWS team!

Thank you so much to those who came along to our Rock & Roll Bingo evening. It was a small but lively affair, with lots of music, laughter, good times and new friends. And the best news is the event raised **£196.82 for our school.** 😊

The evening also included our AGM, at which this years committee was elected. We are excited to welcome Alice, Zuzy, Chris & Rachel to our team. Please meet the FOWS committee of 2022-23...

Chair Person	Naomi (Izzy - yr 4, Sophia - yr 1)
Secretary	Becky (Harry - yr 4, Alfie - yr 3)
Treasurer	Chris (Patrick - yr R)
Committee Members	Becky (Paddy – yr 4, Emily – yr 1)
	Emma (Sofia - yr 6, HTLA)
	Zuzana (Chloe – yr 2, Edi – yr 1)
	Alice (Daisy – yr 4, Lunch time supervisor)
	Rachel (Patrick – yr R)

We need you too! All our events and activities this year will be run subject to having enough helpers. **You don't have to be a fully-fledged committee member to contribute** and there are so many ways to support without even leaving your home too! Please speak to one of us if you can spare any time at all. Thank you! 😊



Autumn Term dates for your diary

21st
Oct

SPOOKTACULAR CAKE & COSTUMES SALE

All treats and no tricks at our after school sale! Every donation (home-made or shop-bought) is appreciated. We will also be selling preloved fancy dress costumes.

TWILIGHT CHRISTMAS MARKET

Unique stalls from local businesses selling a range of items, plus a bar, raffle and our always popular Bag a Bottle game. You can prebook to join in a Wreath Making workshop too!

11th
Nov

17th
Nov

BE BRIGHT, BE SEEN DISCO!

School discos are back! We're teaming up with a professional DJ to put on a super cool, glow in the dark party. So put on your brightest outfit and strut your stuff!

BAG2SCHOOL COLLECTION

Raise money for Woodlea by donating out-grown clothes, shoes, linen, curtains, bags, belts & cuddly toys... Please bring bags to drop off and leave under the old bike shelter.

18th
Nov

7th
Dec

WOODLEA WONDERLAND!

An afternoon of festive family fun and games, with Christmas crafts, seasonal treats and the chance to visit Santa in his grotto!

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