

Hello Spring time! The clocks have gone forward and we've even felt a few rays of sunshine - A sure sign of sunnier times ahead! For FOWS, this time of year means one thing... Time to start planning the Summer Fayre! With our Woodlea Wonderland fair cancelled due to the Ofsted inspection, we want to make up it to the children, **BIG TIME!** If you'd like to help us make this an amazing event for the Woodlea community to enjoy, please get in touch. More information below.

The spring term seems to have passed in the blink of an eye. But despite it being a short term, FOWS still have managed to squeeze in a Valentine's bake sale, our annual pop-up Mother's Day gift shop and a Bag2School textiles collection, all of which have raised money to buy a little treat for the children and support our new Whole School Literacy Project. Read on for details...

Easter Trail: FOWS have organised a free Easter trail in the Deadwater Valley Nature reserve, on the path that loops the school. All pupils will bring home an activity sheet on the last day of term and additional copies can be downloaded from our Facebook page.

Mother's Day Shop

Our annual pop-up gift shop returned to celebrate the fantastic females in our children's lives. This year saw record breaking numbers of pupils taking part, with 135 children coming to choose a gift (or two) for their special grown-ups.

Thank you to everyone who supported the event. From sourcing gifts, to wrapping up, supervising the children on the day and of course buying a gift. Everyone's contribution is appreciated. The shop raised **£300.13!!**

These funds have been spent on the first batch of books for our Whole School Literacy Project!



The count down begins!! We are so excited to announce the date of our Summer Fayre, which will be taking place on **Saturday 24th June**. With many unknowns regarding the school's leadership in the summer term, we are very relieved to be able go ahead with our biggest event of the year, and want to say a huge thank you to Mrs Faithful for her enthusiastic support of our plans.

Although the planning has only just begun, we can already confirm...

- ☆ **Hollybrook Mobile Farm** and their gorgeous animals.
- ☆ **2 huge inflatables**, including an assault course and bouncy castle from Haveabounce.co.uk.
- ☆ **The Backyard Bug Experience**, with their collection of amazing insects, arachnids and reptiles.
- ☆ Special guest appearance by **Sarge the Bear** from WBTP
- ☆ A range of arts and crafts in our **Craft Zone**.
- ☆ **Face paint** and **Glitter Tattoos**.
- ☆ A delicious menu of **food & drink** from our BBQ, bar and stalls.
- ☆ **Our classic carnival games** including Hook-a-duck, Splat-the-rat, Tin Can Alley and many more.

The hunt for helpers begins now! More volunteers = More fun & games for the kids, and more money raised to support Woodlea with the resources they need to give our children the best education. Please email, or message our Facebook page if you are able to spare an hour or two to support us on the day. Thank you.

FOWS Whole School Literacy Project

As you will be aware, the recent Ofsted inspection identified room for improvement in the areas of reading and literacy across the school. One of the fundamental purposes of our PTA is to “provide facilities or equipment which support the school and advance the education of the pupils” and so, we asked what we could do to help. The outcome of that conversation is our Whole School Literacy Project.

As you will have read in the email sent on Monday 27th March, FOWS has been asked to purchase 15 copies of all core texts studied by the pupils as part of the core English curriculum. Currently, there are only one or two copies of each book in the school. A set of 15 will allow the pupils to follow the text when it is being read to them, participate and read aloud when sharing texts as a class, independently refer back to and reflect on the text content, facilitate paired and small group work, and much more.



Raising funds for such a large quantity of books is no mean feat but we are determined to make sure Woodlea’s amazing staff have the resources they need, so they can do what they do best!

FOWS have already bought 5 copies of every text required for immediately after Easter. This will provide one book per table in each class. As a result of the response to the Amazon gift list information that was emailed out at the start of this week, this number has already increased for several classes. We have also received 44000 BetterPoints (*see below) with which to buy even more.

THANK YOU to everyone who has already gifted a book and/or donated their BetterPoints to the project. We are thrilled to announce that Badger class (year 4) have already achieved a full set of 15 books for one of their titles!

The wish lists will remain open indefinitely, so you can gift a book at any time. **Please forward the gift list information to grandparents, aunties, uncles and anyone else that you think might like to support the children’s learning.**

Challenge Thirty!!

Next term FOWS will be issuing an exciting fundraising Challenge to Woodlea’s pupils, in honour of Woodlea’s 30th year. We’ll be asking them to complete a fundraising activity of their choice, using their own unique talents, skills and interests. The goal is to each raise £30 for 30 years. More information to follow... Watch this space!!

Spring Term Fundraising Success ...

- ☆ **Bag2school:** Thank you to everyone who contributed to the collection at the beginning of March. Those bags of old clothes and textiles have added **£30.00** to the pot!!
- ☆ **Easy Fundraising:** This quarter we received **£101.12** in donations generated by regular users of Easy Fundraising. If you’ve not signed up yet, please do! It costs nothing but really does make a huge difference.
- ☆ **Valentines Day Bake Sale:** We love a good cupcake, and love them even more when they raise **£181.70**. **This money has been used to buy every child an Easter egg from FOWS. We hope they enjoy them!**

*What are BetterPoints?!

BetterPoints is a free app, which tracks how you travel. It is designed to encourage us all to make healthier, more environmentally friendly, and more economical choices with our journey planning. It awards BetterPoints according to distance whenever you travel by foot or bike. These points can be redeemed with a variety of local businesses and organisation... including FOWS!

When points are redeemed with FOWS, Betterpoints converts them to a cash value (1000 points = £1) and donates to us. **This means, you can support FOWS for free by doing the school run, walking the dog, dashing to the local shop or wondering round the Forest Centre! Just download the app and take your phone with you!**

Use referral code JBSW-WFBR when you sign up.

<https://www.facebook.com/fowswoodlea>

EMAIL: fowswoodlea@gmail.com