

# **FOWS NEWSLETTER**

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**Hooray for summer!** We can't be the only ones who have been pleased to feel the warmer weather this week. Long may it last!

FOWS are running two big fundraisers this term - The "Challenge THIRTY" activities and also our Summer Fayre, and the theme of this newsletter is to encourage your and your child to **get involved!!** The success of these activities and events relies on everyone joining in. More information about both can be found on the next page. If you are able to help with any of these, in anyway let us know - We never turn a willing volunteer away!

We will have lots to share with you over the coming weeks so please keep an eye on our Facebook page, notice board and now.... Our fantastic **NEW WEBSITE** (<u>www.fows.uk</u>) for all the latest news and updates. We are so excited about the fundraising we're doing and the positive impact it will have on our children's school lives, and hope that you will be too.

#### **UPDATE: Whole School Literacy Project**

We have been overwhelmed by the number of people who have gifted a book to their child's class.

Between us we have provided 279 books for Woodlea so far, and have had several grateful comments from staff about how much these are making a difference in their English lessons. Next half term, Robins, Dormice, Rabbits and Badgers will all have a full set of at least one of their core texts.

#### Thank you to everyone who has supported so far.

If you would like to **get involved** and buy a book for your child you can do so via the Amazon gift list, which can be found in the pinned posts at the top of our Facebook page, and also on our website, in the Fundraising Projects tab. You can also support for free, by downloading the BetterPoints app and spending your points on a FOWS Book Voucher, or simply redeem them by donating to FOWS.



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#### Father's Day Shop

Our annual pop-up shop returns on Wednesday 14th June, to celebrate all the Marvellous Men in our children's lives. Participating pupils will be able to select a gift for their Dad, Step-dad, Grandad, or any other special man in their lives.

If your child would like to take part please complete the <u>booking form</u> by Wednesday 8th June. (Details have been sent in an email from school) We don't want any children to miss out so will always do our best to accommodate any late submissions. However we ask that you please be mindful of the fact that each late form creates extra work for the FOWS team, who are all working parents and do this PTA-lark in our own time. Thank you.



### Summer Fayre—24th June

Our summer fayre plans are well underway and it's shaping up to be a fantastic day for the Woodlea family to enjoy.

Every year, the biggest concern for the FOWS Team, (and the most likely cause for tears from our Chair!) is whether we'll have enough volunteers on the day.

We have a small but mighty group of parents that always step up to help, but never have enough. Never, ever.

So if you're planning on coming to the fayre, please give an hour of your time to help. It will make a world of difference!

# Five Reasons to GET INVOLVED

- 1. It's fun! Especially if you do it together with your child, who will also love joining in.
- 2. Be a role model: Volunteering in their community sends your child a very positive message.
- 3. Feel-good factor: It's so rewarding to know that you're the reason a child is having a fun day.
- 4. New friends: You'll meet lots people throughout the day, and get to know a wider circle of parents & staff.
- 5. It's for an excellent cause... Your child!!

## Challenge: Thirty!

Our "*Challenge: Thirty*" is well underway, and it has been lovely seeing all the different activities that children and families are getting up to via the Facebook group - Dance-athons, cycling, music practice, football, car boot sales and even a brave ban on screen time! The children are doing a fantastic job.

We launched the challenge slightly later than intended and so have decided to **extend the deadline to June 30th 2023.** Please encourage your child(ren) to **get involved**. Aside from the funds raised, the sense of pride they will feel from achieving a goal and taking action to help their community is priceless.



### Fundraising Success this term...

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- **Easy Fundraising:** This quarter we received **£96.26** 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.
- Summer Fayre Sponsorship: In preparation for our summer fayre, we have been recruiting local businesses and organisations to sponsor the event. So far we achieved £400 in sponsorship, which will cover a significant portion of our expenses and maximise our fundraising potential of the day. If you own a business and would like to get involved by joining our list of sponsors please let us know.

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