

Friends of Oakfield School Newsletter
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Overview

It has been a busy start to the year! Shortly after everyone came back to school, FOOS held its first event of the year; the Barn Dance. FOOS has not previously held events so early in the term and the idea behind this occasion was that it would be a good opportunity for new families to come and have some fun and get an early opportunity see what the fun part of FOOS was all about. The event was really well attended and there have been lots of comments and requests for the event to be held again.

We have now also had our first FOOS meeting of the year and it was the best attended meeting for quite a long period of time. Not only is it refreshing to see new people coming along but it really does help make the discussions that bit more lively. Many thanks to Joanna Cook, Emma Beall, Katie Moore and Carl Hodge for coming along and we hope to see more of you and others in meetings to come.

One of the most exciting discussions was about possible plans to make use of the area around the straw bale house. Julie Gordon presented some great ideas and we would like to make this the key project for this year. To find out more about it, you need to make sure you come along to the AGM in October more details will be revealed!

Treasurers Report

We start the year with a healthy balance in the bank of £1,789. At this meeting we decided not to specifically allocate any spending as we would like to focus on the project mentioned above and it is likely to absorb a large part of the funds FOOS will raise in the course of this year. Once again, to find out more about what we raised last year and our plans for this year please come along to the AGM.

Events Update

The latest overview of the events calendar is shown below. We're off to a great start with the Barn Dance and we have the evergreen favourites, Quiz Night and the Christmas Events planned in with dates. We have also squeezed in some Halloween activity for the last Friday of this half term. Please make sure you get all of these dates planned into your calendar. As a result of lively discussion at meeting there are lots of other ideas for us to consider and plan in the background.

Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
o Barn Dance – Sept 16	o Maghreb Evening – TBA	o Bingo Night – TBA
o Halloween – Oct 21	o Easter Egg Raffles - March	o Other - TBA
o Quiz Night – November 11	o Easter Fayre - TBA	o
o Christmas Market – Dec 7 o Christmas Fayre – 16/12/11	o	o

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Other

The next FOOS meeting will be the AGM on Tuesday October 11th at 7:45pm.

If you would like to know more and see the full minutes of the meeting please email John Rooney at john@jwr-consulting.co.uk and copies can be emailed to you.

We understand that it is difficult to make time for FOOS meetings but if you would like to be involved, please contact any of the following:

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