

# Friends of Oakfield School Newsletter

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### Overview

With the last of the May bank holiday weekends in progress, we are reminded just how fast the school year can pass by. It has certainly been a busy year so far for FOOS with plenty of activity having taken place, and thoroughly enjoyed judging by the feedback received.



Since the start of this school year, FOOS has raised over £5,000 from the events it has run and this total owes so much to the generosity of the members, many of whom donate, not only a lot of time, but also the goods we have become accustomed to seeing on fair stalls and in raffle prizes. An organisation like FOOS is so dependent on the goodwill of its members and we are grateful that we have all of you to count on.



That said, we would still like to see more people involved and contributing. Everyone becomes a member of FOOS when their child joins the school and even small contributions of time make a difference to the load in organising the events. We hope to see more new people joining in and will be doing more to make ourselves known on new parents' day later this month.

### Treasurers Report

As highlighted already, over £5,000 has been raised since the start of the new school year. The Christmas Fair and shopping event together raised £2,100, the Easter Fair £1,100 and the ever popular Quiz and Bingo nights raised £700 and £600 respectively. The 250 club also made a contribution of £365 and remember it isn't expensive to join and be in with a chance of winning the monthly prize draw. Annette has the details for anyone wishing to join.

The largest single area of expenditure so far has been the refurbishment of the library tables together with new chairs. In total this will have cost around £2,000 and will be of great benefit to the girls using the library for years to come.



There have been smaller areas of expenditure such as new playground storage boxes (£140) and a new notice board for the senior school (£300) and the efforts of Carl Hodge in transforming the FOOS shed deserve a very special mention.


Looking forward, FOOS has committed £1,000 as a contribution to PAW. This is an area that FOOS has supported in the past but one which was lower down the priority list when we were still paying for the school frontage. The children all get so much out of this week and FOOS are glad to support it. Junior school children should also soon be benefiting from a new TV/DVD player for wet breaks.

If you have your own thoughts on how FOOS should be using the funds it raises, we are always pleased to receive the ideas so please get in touch!

### **Events Update**

The latest overview of the events calendar is shown below. You can see that we have responded to the cries of parents that the summer term always feels too busy and as such we are looking into the idea of a simple social. Next year will get off to a good start though with the barn dance at the very beginning of term.

Summer Term	Autumn Term	Spring Term
○ Junior Sports refreshments – 29/6/11	○ Barn Dance – Sept 16	○ Maghreb Evening – TBA
○	○ Quiz Night - TBA	○ Easter Fayre - TBA
○	○ Christmas Market – w/c 28/11/11 ○ Christmas Fayre – 16/12/11	○

 = completed

### **Other**

The next regular FOOS meeting will be on Thursday Sept 22<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto: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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