



# NEWSLETTER

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## WELCOME

Wow! What a term.

We want to start with a thank you to everyone who has helped us to raise funds to support the school this term.

We've met some lovely new volunteers and been supported by the teachers at our events. You donated generously towards our tombolas and helped us to raise vital funds for the school to provide essential equipment and enhance our children's learning environments. We couldn't do it without your support.

### But we need more....

We've got some great events coming up next term (see our upcoming events below) but we really do need some more volunteers to help us run them. This can be anything from helping to plan to helping out at the event, whatever time you can give we can find something for you to do!

If you'd like to find out more about how you can support the Friends of Winchcombe come along to our AGM or drop us an email.

## MATCH FUNDING - VODAFONE

**Do you work for Vodafone or know someone who does?**

We have been informed that their charity match funding scheme is coming to an end, which is a great shame as we have benefitted hugely from this scheme in the past - we received in excess of £5,000 last year alone!

There is still time to submit a request on our behalf before it ends on the 31st December, so please get in touch at [winchcombefriends@gmail.com](mailto:winchcombefriends@gmail.com) to find out how you can apply - it's really simple to do and will make a massive difference to our children.

Any of our events can be match funded. If you work for a company that offers any form of match funding please get in touch with us!



## NEWS

We've had an action packed festive themed term!

The children created some wonderful designs for Christmas cards and other festive goodies and we raised £158 from Xmas4Schools.

Our Christmas Jumper sale raised £123 and the children had a great time wearing them to school. Thank you for your donations and to those of you who picked up a bargain Christmas Jumper.

Our big event of the term was the Christmas Fayre where we raised £2,042 before expenses. The children had a fantastic time visiting Father Christmas, creating some wonderful crafts and following the reindeer trail and we were treated to some beautiful singing by the Winchcombe choir. Huge congratulations to our competition winners - Kacie in Year 6 who won our Name the Elf competition and Frankie in Year 4 who won our Christmas Trail Hamper!



## WE NEED A NEW SHED! CAN YOU HELP?

Our old shed is too small and falling apart making it hard for us to store donations and keep our volunteers safe. We can of course buy a new one but we'd love to be able to save that money to support the children and the school.

- Do you work for a company that could sponsor or donate a shed?
- Do you have a shed you're planning on replacing that's still in good condition?
- Could you help build a shed?

Please get in touch!



## NAME LABELS

Stick in name labels can help to keep track of your children's belongings. Stikins and My Nametags both offer 25% of their sales to FOWS at no extra cost to you.

Visit <https://www.stikins.co.uk/> using School Fundraising Number 25522 at the checkout or <https://www.mynametags.com/> quoting School ID 20710. Visit My Nametags via Easy Fundraising to raise even more funds!

Visit our second hand uniform on the school office if you need more uniform to label!

## DID YOU KNOW...?

- We have a page on the school website - find us under the 'Parents' tab
- Email us at [winchcombefriends@gmail.com](mailto:winchcombefriends@gmail.com)
- You can follow us on Facebook [www.facebook.com/friendsofwinchcombe](https://www.facebook.com/friendsofwinchcombe) or join our group [www.facebook.com/groups/friendsofthewinchcombeshool](https://www.facebook.com/groups/friendsofthewinchcombeshool)
- We welcome all suggestions for Fund raising and other activities, and always welcome new volunteers.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Toys 4 Life** - Tuesday 9th January

Fill any bag with unwanted toys and they'll be collected and turned into funds. See the attached poster for more details.

**AGM** - Wednesday 31st January

Come and find out our plans for the rest of the year and offer your support.

**Race Night** - Friday 1st March

More details to follow in the new year.



## SCHOOL LOTTERY

Did you know we run a school lottery? Draws are weekly; take part any time for as long as you like - register [here](#) to choose your lucky numbers. Play weekly by direct debit or choose 'one off payment' for a block of 1, 3, 6 or 12 months.

There is at least 1 winner per school per week, plus the chance of winning the £25,000 jackpot. It's open to all so please share with family and friends to maximise sales - it's a great way to support FoWS and you could be a winner!



## EASY FUNDRAISING

If you shop online this is the easiest thing you can do to raise money for FoWS. It is free to join, just click [here](#) and raise money while you shop online at no extra cost - including your weekly grocery shop. Refer a friend and earn £5 bonus donations.

## WHERE DO YOUR DONATIONS GO?

The children had a fantastic afternoon of **Pantomime** fun which we funded - **£1,300**.

Our Foundation stage teachers now have new **iPads** which will help them to record observations and support and extend the children's learning as they upload to Tapestry - **£1,800**.

We secured **£2,000** from the Tesco token scheme to help fund a new **Sensory Garden** and equipment. This brings the total to support this project to **£2,800**. The garden will be completed early in 2024.