



NEWSLETTER

28th March 2024

Issue Number 4

WELCOME

It barely feels like 5 minutes since we were writing the half term newsletter, this half term feels like it's flown by and we're sure next term will be no exception! We've been busy as always this half term:

We're delighted that the sensory garden is nearly finished, huge thanks to Tesco for their support. We'll be providing some plants to enhance the space once the weather improves, but it's starting to look lovely already!

We held our first ever family race night in March, it was wonderful to welcome so many of you to enjoy an evening of fun. A huge thanks goes out to our committee members for organising and running the event on the night and to the school for their support.



One of the highlights of the term was welcoming over 330 children to the Easter Disco across three sessions. They partied the afternoon away and huge thanks to our very own Dancing Queen, Kathryn B, for leading the games, committee members for their hard work and to staff for helping out!

After the success of our family race night we're delighted to bring you our **Family Quiz Night** on the **17th May 2024**. Tickets will go on sale after the Easter Holidays. See the upcoming events for further details.



UPCOMING EVENTS



Cake/Uniform Sale - 26th April

Back for the summer term - stock up on second hand uniform and yummy cakes for the weekend. The donation box for second hand uniform is located in reception and we'll be asking for your cake donations nearer the time.

don't forget second hand uniform is available at anytime from the shelving in reception

Break the Rules Day - 17th May

Has your child ever wanted to wear odd socks to school? Or have a crazy hair style? This day is for them! In return for a donation there will be the opportunity to break one (or more!) of a selection of school rules. More details to follow.

Family Quiz Night - 17th May

Bring the family together or gather a group of friends and make a night of it! We'll have fish & chips available to order on the night and a licenced bar.

Maximum 6 adults per team, £5 per ticket, children under 12 go free. Tickets on sale soon!



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
- You can follow us on Facebook www.facebook.com/friendsofwinchcombe or join our group www.facebook.com/groups/friendsofthewinchcombeshool
- We welcome all suggestions for Fund raising and other activities, and always welcome new volunteers.

FUNDRAISING NEWS

Bag2school - we raised over £85 with your kind donations

Easter Disco - the dazzling dance moves have added approximately £250 to the fund



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.

FUTURE PROJECTS

The school have started to think about what they would like us to help fundraise for next. Some ideas include: a canopy for the Forest Adventure area, a radio station, upgrading the MUGA along with continuing to support the school with Leavers Books, a rolling Arts programme and bags for new starters.

Please get in touch with us or the school if you have contacts or expertise in any of these areas - we can't wait for our next big fundraising target!