



**Friends of The
Winchcombe
School**

Registered Charity No 1197925

NEWSLETTER

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Here we are at the holidays again - welcome to all of the new parents in Foundation and congratulations everyone for making it through the first half term!

We like to send a little update every half term to let you know what we've been up to, what we have planned and how you can get involved.

Halloween Disco: We are so excited to hold our first disco for several years today - we have over 300 children attending and hope they are looking forward to it as much as we are! We've got our dancing shoes and our spooky costumes ready! Thanks to all of our helpers for making it happen!

School Uniform: In order that everyone can access affordable uniform, we have set up an area in reception where you can browse pre-loved uniform. If you would like to leave a donation and can afford to do so please leave it in the honesty box, otherwise please take what you need. Uniform will be added weekly as we receive donations so if we don't have what you're looking for, check back later.

Please donate old branded uniform in good condition in the bins located in reception.

School Lottery: If you fancy your chances, draws take place weekly, you can take part any time and for as long as you like. Click [here](#) to register, choose your lucky numbers and decide whether to 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.

AmazonSmile: Shop with AmazonSmile and raise money for Friends of Winchcombe - further details to follow soon!

MATCHED FUNDING - We need you!!

It is really important that we maximise our fundraising potential! We know local companies such as Vodafone, Bayer and Micro Focus offer Matched Funding schemes; if you work for one of these companies, or one who offers something similar, please get in touch. If you're not sure if your employer runs a scheme - please ask! Applying is easy, but it can make a huge difference - we have this week received £2,000 from Vodafone - thanks to our fantastic match funders!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Bag2School: Thursday 10th November. Great if your children have outgrown everything over the summer! Please leave donations of good quality clothes and linen outside reception on Wednesday afternoon or Thursday before 9am. See attached poster for details.

Christmas Jumper Day: 8th December. In preparation we are asking for Christmas jumper donations to be left **in our donation bins** in reception before 6th November and we will hold a sale after school on **Monday 14th November**.

Xmas4Schools: The children will be coming home with a Christmas card design sheet this week - they can draw their own Christmas designs which can be made into cards and gifts available to purchase. Full details are on the back of the forms, and attached to our email. Please return them to school on Tuesday 1st November.

Christmas Fayre: Our Christmas Fayre will take place after school on Friday 9th December. There will be refreshments, gifts to purchase, games and crafts for the children - Father Christmas himself may even make an appearance!

If you run your own business and would like a stall at the event, please contact us on winchcombefriends@gmail.com for an application form and further details.

WHERE WILL YOUR DONATIONS GO....?

We have provided book bags for new starters and books for the Year 6 leavers and we are pleased to have subsidised the school visit to the pantomime this Christmas too.

The School need new playground equipment, and are looking to replace their old minibus, which we are committed to funding.

Please contact us if you would like to get involved, if you have any fund-raising ideas or suggestions of how to spend the money raised.

DID YOU KNOW...?

... We have a [page on the school website](#) - find us under the 'Parents' tab

... Email us on winchcombefriends@gmail.com

... You can follow us on

www.facebook.com/FriendsofWinchcombe

or join our group

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/friendsofthewinchcombeschool>

... We welcome all suggestions for fundraising and other activities.

Can you help? Please get in touch by emailing winchcombefriends@gmail.com Thanks!