



Friends of The
Winchcombe
School

NEWSLETTER

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Following the events of 2020/2021, we have reformed the FoWS Committee to bring you the events and activities that have been missed. The Winchcombe School and its children really do benefit from our fundraising.

FoWS is run by you, but helping oversee activities in the background are the Trustees of the charity: Mr Pilsworth, Vicki Jackson, Emma Oliver, Katharine Shaw & Kathryn Bowers who, with the exception of Headteacher Mr Pilsworth are parents of children at the school.

We hope you like our Newsletter; we will aim to send out one per term to inform you of all the events we have coming up and give you an insight into past, present and future fundraising activities and outcomes!

We look forward to working with all groups within the Winchcombe community so we can organise a range of events for everyone to enjoy!

We have been understandably limited on our fundraising efforts over the last 18 months, but we have been able to run some initiatives:

Uniform Sales: We have a donation bin located in reception for good quality used uniform, and 2 fantastic mums who sort and sell it for us on facebook via our group (see below for details) We have raised over £180 over the summer holidays and this figure is rising all the time. Please email us on

winchcombefriends@gmail.com if you are looking for uniform but do not have access to Facebook.

Empties Please: we also collect used printer cartridges in reception, you can donate these any time and we recycle them for money.

Bag2School: a collection is scheduled for Friday 22nd October; this is a chance to donate your unwanted clothes – see the attached flyer for further info. Our last collection raised £168.

Xmas4schools: We raised £98 in 2020 - look out for a letter coming home this week for another chance for the children to design their own Christmas cards and gifts.

Parentkind Christmas Raffle: After the success of the summer raffle which raised £273, tickets will soon be on sale for the Christmas Raffle. We are also hoping to set up a school lottery, details to follow!

UPCOMING EVENTS

22nd October: Bag2School Collection
Please bring your donations in by 9am.

22nd October: Non-Uniform Day

October Half Term: Halloween Trail
£2 per entry see attached poster for details

Christmas Jumper Day: Friday 10th December
Please leave your good quality Christmas jumpers in reception on 22nd October and NOT for the Bag2School collection as we will be holding a used jumper sale – date TBC

Virtual Quiz Night: Date TBC

£4,600 INVESTED IN OUR CHILDREN!

- £2,628.00 - Subsidised the 2019 Pantomime
- £783.80 - Visualiser for each classroom
- £599.50 - Leavers Books for 'Class of 2019'
- £599.00 - Bookbags for all 2019 and 2020 Foundation year pupils

The visualisers allow images to be projected on the smartboards, reducing waste and saving the school significant costs and time on printing handouts.

We were also pleased to underwrite the school trip to the pantomime again, so every child in the school got the opportunity to go in 2020.

We look forward to restarting our fundraising efforts so that we can donate more equipment to the school.

DID YOU KNOW...?

- ... We have a [page on the school website](#) – find us under the 'Parents' tab
- ... You can follow us on [www.Facebook/FriendsofWinchcombe](https://www.facebook.com/groups/friendsofthewinchcombeschool) 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!