

Welcome to our new families and to everyone returning to The Winchcombe School after the summer holidays! We hope everyone has settled well even in these strange times.

Following a break during 2018-2019, we reformed the FoWS Committee only to find we were halted by Covid-19 which meant we had to cancel all planned events from March 2020 onwards.

Unfortunately, we still don't know when we will be able to operate normally to organise those well-loved events for our families. We are disappointed by this as The Winchcombe School and its children really do benefit from our fundraising and the enjoyment our events bring.

However, we have been working quietly behind the scenes to get organised and to come up with some new ways of fundraising, whilst we also regain our charity status, which was lost due to missing the deadline for submitting our annual return.

FUNDRAISING EVENTS

Our usual events, supported by the **School Council**, are currently on hold but we are still fundraising as best we can. **Pre-Loved Uniform** remains on sale for anyone unable to source school uniform due to the disruption caused by Covid-19 and lockdown. Just contact us or ask at the School Office.

Other ways of raising funds!

While we can't hold events, there are still ways we can raise funds, see below how you can help. We have some simple 'Covid-friendly' fundraising ideas to bring some fun to the children in these uncertain, restricted times, see over page.

EasyFundraising

Collect donations for free by signing up and accessing your favourite online retailers through their portal www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/winchcombeschool/

Empties Please

We have signed up to this recycling programme for branded printer ink cartridges and toner cartridges. Just drop off your cartridges to the school office and we will send them off, turning them into cash for the school!

HELP US RAISE FUNDS!

GOAL! £8,000



We are raising funds for a replacement minibus.

The approximate amount needed is £8,000, a share of the total amount with Shaw-Cum-Donnington and Robert Sandilands Schools.

We'll keep this updated so you can see how we are doing!

DRESS DOWN DAY

Children can wear casual clothes for **Dress Down Day** this **Thursday 22 October 2020** and bring a donation towards our Fundraising target – payments by cash can be given to the class teacher or to the School Office on the day. Children who have PE on this day can still join in, just make sure they wear something that is suitable for PE too!

CLOTHING RECYCLING

We have organised a clothing recycling event with a local franchise of **Bag2School**. Bags being sent home this week to fill with good quality clean clothing you no longer want. Bring the bag to the School Office when we return to school after the half-term break, but no later than 9am on Friday 6th November.

In addition, if your child has outgrown their **Christmas Jumper** and you would like to donate it, please put it in a separate bag and bring it to school at the same time. We will run a Pre-Loved Christmas Jumper event in time for Christmas Jumper Day on Friday 11th December.

CHRISTMAS CARD FUNDRAISER

Children will bring home a pack from **Xmas4Schools** to turn Christmas artwork into beautiful Christmas products which you will be able to purchase for family and friends this Christmas, whilst helping to raise funds for the school too! Be sure to return your designs/order forms to school from Monday 2nd November to Thursday 5th November latest!

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

USUAL EVENTS

Christmas Event - November/December

Uniform & Cake Sale - Half-termly

Pre-loved Book Sale - March (World Book Day)

Community Market & Easter Egg Hunt - March/April (Easter)

Summer Fete - June/July

Disco - October/ February/ May

ON HOLD

CHRISTMAS 'FUN'DRAISING

We are currently organising some fun activities in time for Christmas.

This includes:

- Christmas Cards designed by your child
See previous page for details
- Christmas Jumper Day - 11 December 2020
We aim to share the money raised on Christmas Jumper Day with Save the Children, as we have previously
- Guess the Name of the Teddy, Toy Voucher competition

We will provide more details about these and other Christmas activities via the School Office very soon!



DONATIONS

Once we have our charity status reinstated by the Charities Commission, we will be able to set up an online fundraising app/portal, and process matched funding and any gift aid previously requested, which will maximise the money raised to benefit the school and all of the children who attend.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS NEEDED!

We continue to seek committee members to join us and are currently looking for someone to take on the **role of Treasurer** as our Treasurer (and past Chair) would like to step down.

Due to the situation with Covid-19, we have been unable to carry out events and raise funds to our usual level. As it has been quieter, this would be an ideal time for someone to get involved, with full support from the other Trustees.

If you have some basic knowledge of Excel Spreadsheets, good communication skills, and can spare a few hours of your time to support FoWS, please get in touch to find out more.

We take this opportunity to thank Meurig Lloyd for his contributions to the FoWS Committee as past Chair and Treasurer.

Our next Zoom Committee Meeting will be in November 2020 - date to be confirmed

FoWS CONSTITUTION

The Trustees of the charity were appointed at the AGM on Wednesday 12 February 2020. Our roles are set out in our constitution. However, following recent changes, we are finalising the details on the ParentKind Model Constitution which can be found here: www.winchcombe.w-berks.sch.uk/fows

Please return this slip to the school office, or email us: winchcombefriends@gmail.com

I would like to know more about helping the Friends of The Winchcombe School, please contact me about (please tick all that apply) :-

Volunteering at Events

Organising Events

Becoming a Trustee

Being a Shadow Trustee

Employer Matched Fundraising

Full Name _____

(Please use clear capital letters)

Email Address _____

Mobile No _____

I understand my details will be held by FoWS unless I request for it to be removed.