



**Friends of The
Winchcombe
School**

NEWSLETTER

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We held our AGM on Monday 24th January 2022 and elected our committee members into their new roles as follows:

Chair – Vicki Jackson

Treasurer – Kathryn Bowers

Secretary – Katharine Shaw

All parents, carers, families and Winchcombe School Staff are considered members of 'FoWS' and we value the support given by everyone involved. We are really looking forward to working with you to arrange new events and raise funds to help the school. Our children have missed out on so much over the last 2 years, we hope to be able to bring back some of the events and activities that have been so missed.

We are already busy planning for the year ahead, but below are some of the events and initiatives that have already happened, or that you can continue to contribute towards:

Virtual Quiz Night: We held our first Virtual Quiz night on zoom on Saturday 5th February and we raised a fantastic £150. The quiz was great fun, and we are very grateful to volunteer Natalie for preparing and hosting such a professional quiz for us, and to everyone who joined us. Congratulations to the winners who have won a voucher for afternoon tea – enjoy!

Uniform Sales: We continue to collect and sell good quality used uniform via the donation bin located in reception. See our Facebook group for details or email winchcombefriends@gmail.com with your queries.

We would be grateful for your donations before our sale on 25th March – see upcoming events for details.

Empties Please: we are still collecting used printer cartridges in reception; you can donate these any time and we recycle them for money.

Easy Fundraising: The easiest thing we can all do to raise money for FoWS is to register with Easy Fundraising. It is free to join, just click [here](#) and you can raise money while you shop online at no extra cost.

UPCOMING EVENTS

World Book Day Book Sale: Thursday 3rd March outside reception after school. Please bring book donations to the school office.

Crazy Hair Day: Postponed until Thursday 10th March thanks to Storm Eunice!

Bag2School: We will be arranging a collection of used clothes, accessories, shoes and linen after half term – date TBC

Pre-Loved Uniform Sale: Friday 25th March outside reception after school.

Easter Egg Hunt: Date TBC

Easter Non Uniform Day: Thursday 7th April

School Lottery: Coming Soon!

We are very keen to 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 to let us know how we can apply.

Please contact us if you would like to get involved, if you have any fundraising ideas or suggestions of how we can 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!