



**Friends of The
Winchcombe
School**

NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to our Spring Newsletter Find out what we have been doing this half term and what we have to come in the final half term of the year.

Cake Sale: Thank you to everyone who donated delicious cakes and/or attended our cake sale on 4th May - it was very popular and we raised a fantastic £376!

Coronation Tea Towels: We thought the children's designs were beautiful! Thank you for your orders, your Tea Towels will be coming home with the children after half term.

***New Offer* Name Labels:** If your children keep losing things, stick in name labels are a great way to keep track of their belongings. Stikins and My Nametags both offer 25% of their sales to FOWS at no extra cost to you. Visit the [Stikins](#) website using School Fundraising Number 25522 at the checkout or [Mynametags](#) quoting School ID 20710. See the attached leaflets for further details. Visit My Nametags via Easy Fundraising to raise even more funds!

Easy Fundraising: If you shop online this is an easy way to raise money for FoWS. It is free to join, click [here](#) to register and raise money while you shop at no extra cost - including your weekly grocery shop. Refer a friend and earn a £5 bonus.

School Uniform: browse our pre-loved uniform in Reception any time. 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. We restock regularly so if we don't have what you're looking for, check back later.

School Lottery: Join our 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!

VODAFONE EMPLOYEE MATCH FUNDING

Thank you to everyone who has applied on our behalf, Vodafone have donated over £5,000 to us this school year, which has been vital to reaching our targets and keeping our events as affordable as possible. Details of their match funding scheme can be found [here](#). If you work for Vodafone, Bayer, Micro Focus or any company who offers a Match Funding scheme or similar, please get in touch. Applying is simple and we can help with applications. If you're not sure if your employer runs a scheme please ask, you could be entitled to up to £1,000 per year in charity donations!

Upcoming Events:

Wear the Rainbow Day: 16th June Non-Uniform day - children are invited to wear multicoloured non uniform in return for the following donations:

Acorns, Foundation and Year 1: Chocolate and confectionery to be used as prizes on our tombola
Years 2 - 6: (Alcoholic or non-alcoholic) bottles to be used as prizes on our tombola

Summer BBQ: Tickets for our Summer BBQ go on sale Friday 9th June - look out for further details. We will have refreshments, games, entertainment our Big Summer Raffle and more, but **We need you!** We desperately need volunteers to help set up from 1pm and cover stalls from 3pm; if you can spare a few hours please let us know how and when you can help. We have only had one parent volunteer so far and we simply cannot run the event on our own - if you were planning on volunteering but haven't told us yet please get in touch!

We also need **Raffle Prizes** - if your company can offer a voucher, prize or experience please get in touch.

Finally, if you have any unwanted bunting left over from the coronation please can you drop this into school.

Bag2School: Friday 14th July will be our final collection of good quality clothing, accessories and household linen for the year

WHERE WILL YOUR DONATIONS GO....?

We have committed to raising £10,000 this year to replace the school minibus which is shared with 2 other schools.

The Greenham Trust, have kindly offered match funding and we have raised £3,738 since the beginning of April through our Easter Disco, Cake Sale and Match Funding. You can check our progress or donate to our project [here](#).

We also recently funded the Coronation Pin Badges for the children, and are providing book bags for all new starters in September.

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/friendsofhewinchcombeschool>

... We welcome all suggestions for fund-raising and other activities.

Have a lovely Half term!