

Spring 2013 FOSMAS Newsletter

Welcome to the Spring 2013 FOSMAS newsletter.

Dates for your Diary

26 March Blue Bag Collection 9:00am

18 April Class reps meeting - Whole foods 9:15am

27 April Family Cycle day

10 May Cake Sale KS 2 3:30pm

18 May Fun Run Holland Park am

14 June Cake Sale KS 1 3:30pm

6 July Summer Fair 11:00am

24 July School Leavers Disco 6:30pm

Appeal for help.

The summer fair will be here before we know it.

This is one of the major fund raising events of the year and I believe the most anticipated. We would like to have a raffle with lower value items, a silent auction of medium value items and a blockbuster public auction of high value items. Can you help our Prizes Secretary Veronika to source and organise prizes for the raffle and auctions?

Amongst the needed donations are: holidays and holiday homes, professional services, club membership, designer items, lessons such as horse riding, maths or music tuition, football or cricket match tickets. Imagine what good you can do with your donation. Contact our prizes secretary if you can help in any way.
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Blue Bag collection The next one is scheduled for Tuesday 26 March 9:00am. Bags2School collects good second-hand adults and children's clothing, sheets, blankets, curtains, soft toys, shoes, belts and handbags and then pays for it by weight. We have raised almost £5,000.00 from just three collections so far. If you are planning to spring clean your home before March 26 then this is a perfect destination for your previously loved items.

Parents Survey FOSMAS need your feedback and engagement. Are we meeting your expectations? What can we do better? How should we spend the money we raise on your children at school? Take the survey and tell us. <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/672Q6R3>. It will take less than three minutes to complete and you will be making your Committee more accountable since the survey results will be presented to you by email and at our next GM. I will include this link in an email to you so you can just click and go, or for those who prefer I have also attached a hard copy to this newsletter. Drop those completed forms at the School office.

Inkjet recycling FOSMAS has just registered with **Empties Please**, a company who specialise in recycling used ink cartridges. Their aim is to help schools and charities raise funds and to encourage the next generation to get greener by collecting and recycling used inkjet cartridges.

Having received Mrs Doyle's permission we will place a few collection boxes at school and will also have extra bags for home or office use. They will pay us £1 for an original manufacturer cartridge except Epson or Brother, and 50p for a remanufactured cartridge. Please recycle HP, Lexmark, Dell and Canon. They will not accept ANY laser toners, inkjet only. When full we simply take the box to a local collection centre and they send us a cheque.

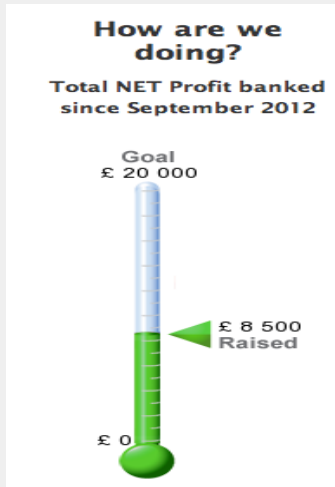
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The Charity Act 2011 requires us to have a minimum of three officers; a Chair, a Secretary and a Treasurer in place or we will **legally cease to exist**. Each year the end of the summer term inevitably brings changes to the FOSMAS Committee and it is right that those who gave their time and effort for the past year on your behalf be replaced by members with new energy and willingness to guide FOSMAS forward. This year **the Treasurer, Secretary and Prizes Secretary** have announced their intention to step down providing an opportunity, particularly for KS1 members, to step up. Rather than wait until the end of summer it would be prudent for those of you willing to fill these roles to shadow the officers and trustee for the summer term to get a sense of the role. Send an email to secretary@fosmas.info expressing your interest or speak to any Committee member at the school gate. These positions can be co-opted onto the Committee pending elections in the autumn.

“ From your eyes fierce sparks fly and the horse you ride is like a mountain.”

For KS2 only (due to scary dragon stuff), on St. Georges day 23 April, FOSMAS is sponsoring a presentation by "A Spell in Time", a unique British-Bulgarian performing arts company formed in 1995 by Moni Sheehan and Ivor Davies to bring the power and magic of Bulgarian traditional tales to British audiences for the first time. These primal and poetic tales have ancient origins going back to Proto-Bulgarian, Slavic and Thracian times and are largely unknown in the West. They are deliciously dark with a dash of humour!

The morning performances will be for Yr 3&4 and again for Yr 5&6.



USE FOSMAS TO GET YOUR MESSAGE ACROSS!

Don't forget that there's a "For Sale/Items Wanted/Services" page on the FOSMAS website! Why not make use of this to advertise your company's services, or sell items no longer needed. There's no commission (though if you make a good sale, we always welcome donations). You can use it to share details of trusted tradesmen, excellent babysitters and fun days out, too. <http://www.fosmas.info>

Alumni Project

Do you have friends and/or family who are former students of St Mary Abbots? FOSMAS and the Governors are keen to know of them! We'd like to build up an Alumni Association, so that we can stay in closer touch with our alumni in the future. We are aiming to establish a database of former students, going as far back as possible. As a first step, we're trying to get a complete set of names for each cohort which started Reception in 2001 or earlier. Actual contact details would also be very useful. Please send any information to chair@fosmas.info

FOSMAS Army

Will you join our volunteer army? If you cannot undertake a role on the Committee but are willing to be contacted for occasional help? We need you. Can you offer your professional skills to help for a short time? We definitely need you. Enlist by emailing secretary@fosmas.info

Family Cycle Day

RBKC will be organising a Family Cycle Day for SMA families on **Saturday 27 April from 10am** (for a 10.30am start) until 12 noon, followed by a picnic in Hyde Park. The route will be almost entirely through Hyde Park and Kensington Gardens, with 4 marshals to ensure safety. There will be a family quiz and a "Slow Race" with prizes. The event is aimed at KS2, but confident KS1 cyclists will also be welcome.

More details to follow – but put it in your diary now!

Did you know?

By clicking through our web shopping portal you can access hundreds of retailers that will pay a commission to FOSMAS every time you make a purchase. It costs you NO EXTRA - give it a go! <http://spendandraise.com/FOSMAS/>

Breaking news...

Orawan will continue providing her aromatic Thai food dishes occasionally at the school gate. When her hectic schedule allows we will email you any future dates.

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