



## Summer 2012 Newsletter

Hello and welcome to the latest FOSMAS newsletter - intended to keep all members updated on the very latest news from the FOSMAS Committee

The Summer term is always busy for FOSMAS but London 2012 makes it an especially auspicious one and there are lots of exciting events coming up.

**The Fun Run** in the Holland Park Sports Field is on **Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> May** this year from **10:00am – 1:00pm**. Always great fun, a big thank you to Corene & Tim for organising it again and of course **to those of you who plan to take part or help out on the day**. Sponsorship forms have been included in your children's book bags. Why not set up your own Fun Run sponsorship page on [www.justgiving.com/teams/fosmasfunrun2012/join](http://www.justgiving.com/teams/fosmasfunrun2012/join) and send the link to your family. Or just visit [www.justgiving.com/fosmas](http://www.justgiving.com/fosmas) where you can also make a direct donation or sponsor one of the runners. If you would like to help or participate on the day just email to [secretary@fosmas.org](mailto:secretary@fosmas.org)

One of our most important days in terms of fundraising and fun events of the year coming up **Saturday 7th July – the legendary St Mary Abbots Summer Fair!** This is a massive call for the submission of ideas for stalls and help with existing stalls. If we organise this at our next meeting, everyone can come and enjoy the day and give an hour or two of their time to relieve stall holders so they can enjoy the day as well.

At the end of this summer term the majority of our Committee Members will have completed their term and FOSMAS are looking for parents to join the committee to replace them

Please do make a special effort to come to our next open **FOSMAS Meeting in the School Hall on 16<sup>th</sup> May 19:00pm** when we will discuss plans for the **Summer Fair** and **propose/elect new Committee members** for the next academic year. This is our last chance to meet before we break for the Summer so please flag it up in your diaries.

**Michael Duffy, Fosmas Secretary**

**Let us make your donation 25% bigger**

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Please sign a FOSMAS Gift Aid form – available from the School Office and on our website [www.fosmas.info](http://www.fosmas.info)

### Dates for your Diary

**16<sup>th</sup> May** - 19:00 FoSMAS Open Meeting in the School Hall

**25<sup>th</sup> May** - 15:30 Cake Sale & Previously loved school uniforms (Yrs 2 & 3)

**1<sup>st</sup> June** 12:00 -14:00 The School Diamond Jubilee Street Party when every child will receive a FoSMAS commemorative mug.

**28<sup>th</sup> June** - St Mary Abbots Summer Drinks Party in aid of FOSMAS – Vicarage centre garden

**7 July** - Summer Fair

**13 July** - Cake Sale and previously loved School uniforms (Yrs R,1)

**20<sup>th</sup> July** - Year 6 leavers party

### What we've raised so far this year

£1,739.29	Quiz Night
£3,069.29	Christmas Fair
£11,274.36	Auction Night
£1,026.50	Bags2School
£867.62	Cake & Uniform sales
£221.00	Christmas card sales
£330.00	KS1 DVD
£216.65	New School Uniform Sales
£138.65	Spend & Raise web portal

### SITUATIONS VACANT:

From Sept we will need a Treasurer, Chair, prizes secretary and LOTS of multi talented Committee members. Come on! It's great fun and FOSMAS can't manage without you! Email: [secretary@fosmas.org](mailto:secretary@fosmas.org)

**More information on all of these events will be in your book bags over the coming weeks and is always available on our website [www.fosmas.info](http://www.fosmas.info).**



## We need your help at the Summer Fair (7<sup>th</sup> July 2012)

This is one of our biggest events of the year and for this we need lots of help.

This year the Fair returns to the beautiful Vicarage garden and SMA centre. (Thank you Fr Gillean and Linda) We have already received a number of offers of help to manage our host of regular favourite stalls – but what about a new idea for something to entertain, or something to sell? We also need people to help set up & clear up, help with advertising (putting our posters in local shops). There is DEFINITELY something YOU can do to help us spread the load and make the day a really enjoyable one for everyone who attends and takes part.

We're also on the lookout now for prizes for our children and adult raffle and auction. In the past we've had donations of designer handbags, beauty products, vouchers for a spa or a meal in a restaurant etc. These are often things that people can get from their workplace or from friends and family members. You might also have a skill you'd like to raffle or auction - for example cooking for a dinner party, baking a cake, hosting a children's party or babysitting etc. It doesn't matter how big or small it is – we want it!

**The Queen's Diamond Jubilee and London 2012 Olympics are excellent bookends for this year's FoSMAS Summer Fair and we hope it is to be a Summer of Fun.**

If you're able to help please email [secretary@fosmas.info](mailto:secretary@fosmas.info)



### About FOSMAS

Huge thanks to our retiring (stepping down, never shy!) FOSMAS Committee of Trustees; Claire Slinn and Melinda Dodd - Co-chair and Tony Maxwell – Treasurer.

They assure us that they will still be available for advisory help to those who will succeed them on the FOSMAS Committee who will take their roles forward to the next academic year.

Recently co-opted Michael Duffy will continue in the role of Secretary and techie/admin help will continue to be provided by (non trustee) Sally Bessada.

Emails on ANY topic can be sent to [secretary@fosmas.info](mailto:secretary@fosmas.info) FOSMAS is a UK registered charity no 1030955

### Blue Bag Collection

With all that's going on we have decided to make our next Blue Bag Collection early in the Autumn term. If you can bear it please do hold on to your items and save them for us – in ANY bag. We have raised well over £1,000 in just two collections with your support – which is VERY much appreciated.

### Help with laundering the donated uniform

Our regular second-hand uniform sales are very popular and we now have a fair stock to sell at the various FOSMAS events. If you have any uniforms you'd like to donate please put it in a labelled bag and hand to the school office. WE ALSO NEED SOMEONE TO TAKE OVER THE LAUNDERING OF THESE DONATED ITEMS PLEASE before they get sold, so it will look and smell as good as new – and MAXIMISE the funds we get for it.

Again please email the secretary. \_\_\_\_\_

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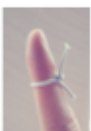
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