



## Summer 2013 FOSMAS Newsletter

(more info online at [www.fosmas.info](http://www.fosmas.info))

### Dates for your Diary

- 12 June - FOSMAS General Meeting** 7:30pm in the school hall. *Very important!*
- 14 June - Cake Sale**, KS1 (R, Y1 & Y2). 3:30pm
- 25 June - Sports Day**, Holland Park
- 25 June - Summer Drinks**, 7:30pm, Vicarage Garden
- 29 June - Football Tournament**, 2-5pm, Wormwood Scrubs Playing Fields.
- 3 July - SMA Parents Prayer Group** (9am, church).
- 6 July - St Mary Abbots School Summer Fair**, 12pm - 4pm, Vicarage Garden.
- 9 July - SMA Cycling Filmshow**- 3.45pm at school
- Mid-July - Blue Bag collection**
- 24 July - School Leavers Disco**, 6:30pm - 8:30pm SMA Centre, Vicarage Gate

**SMA School Parents Prayer Group** meets at the back of the church after drop off on the first Weds of every month. Contact: Bettina Witheridge ([bettina@thewitheridges.com](mailto:bettina@thewitheridges.com))

### One-off Offers of Help Needed!

- To run the Sports Day refreshment stall;
- To help organise Summer Drinks;
- To set up, run and take down stalls at the Summer Fair;

Contact [secretary@fosmas.info](mailto:secretary@fosmas.info)

**FOSMAS army.** Expect the call to action soon for our forthcoming events.

Summer is finally here, with lots of exciting FOSMAS summer events to look forward to!

**FOSMAS General Meeting:** We hope that all parents can join us on **Weds 12 June at 7.30pm for 8pm in the School Hall**. There are important things to discuss - with a direct impact on the future educational opportunities for our children. We need to hear your views! Thanks to all who completed our survey - we'll brief on the results. We'll also update you on progress towards our fundraising target for this year and how we've used funds already raised. We'll fill you in on exciting plans for the KS1 playground and on what's in store at the Summer Fair (just 3 weeks to go!). Lastly, we'll be seeking new members to join the Committee - we need your ideas, your skills and your enthusiasm to make sure we can continue to raise funds for your children. Drinks and nibbles provided.

**FOSMAS Summer Drinks:** Join us on **Tuesday 26 June from 7.30pm in the Vicarage Garden** for a refreshing drink, delicious food and a chance to recover from the excitement of SMA School Sports Day!

**Last chance to enter the first ever FOSMAS Football Tournament!** Its from 2 - 5pm on **Saturday 29th June at Wormwood Scrubs Playing Fields**. Its not too late to enter a team. But the deadline is this Friday - 14 June. So rush your forms in to [jonathanstadlen@me.com](mailto:jonathanstadlen@me.com) (07968250589). Teams of 2 adults, 4 kids (plus up to 4 reserves). £50 entry fee.

**ALL CULMINATING IN THE AMAZING SUMMER FAIR ON SATURDAY 6 JULY IN THE VICARAGE GARDEN!** No space to do that justice here - so read on..

### Important Call.

The Charities Act 2011 requires us to have at least three officers - a Chair, a Secretary and a Treasurer in place - or we will legally cease to exist. We could hire professional trustees and pay their salaries to run this charity on our behalf but that would conflict with our aims. Several members of the current Committee, including Secretary, Treasurer and Prizes Secretary, are stepping down this summer, having worked their socks off for the sake of your children! We need new volunteers, or FOSMAS can't carry on. Please step forward - many hands make light work. And there is huge satisfaction in knowing that you are making a real contribution to our amazing school. Please contact any of the Committee, or email [secretary@fosmas.info](mailto:secretary@fosmas.info), to talk through how you may be able to help - without commitment!



## SUMMER FAIR 2013 - Sat 6th July, 12 - 4pm

***"The Summer Fair beckons with new stalls galore - could you possibly wish for a summer with more?"***

Come and join us for a simply super day out! Key attractions will include a fabulous football stall, professional family portrait photography, a surf simulator, sumo wrestling, an amazing bouncy castle and loads of mouth-watering food and drink. Not forgetting two riveting raffles - and an auction where the unmissable lots on offer include a Mark Warner holiday for four and ...well you will just have to come and be surprised. Don't miss it

Your class reps will be in touch soon about the stalls being run by individuals classes. We still welcome new ideas for stalls - and all offers of help and contributions (more prizes still needed for the children's raffle)..

**Fair schedule** for all of us who manage stalls and help run the summer fair, we are parents and kids. As well as helping out we want to enjoy it.

**The event runs for four hours plus an hour of set up and an hour of take down.**

If you are not already running a stall please put your name on the sign up sheet inside the school entrance as helper with a preferred time slot, or come to our general meeting on 12 June and help set up a relief

schedule **volunteer your time slot: 12:00 -2:00pm or 2:00 - 4:00pm**

### **FUN RUN - and KS1 PLAYGROUND**

A big thank you to all the children who made the Fun Run such a big success - over 70 of you! (A big thank you too to Corene and Tim for organising it.) We've already raised over £2000 - all of it ring-fenced for the imminent KS1 Playground upgrade - come to the General Meeting on 12 June to hear more about this. But over half was raised by the 5 children with Justgiving pages! There must be more sponsor money still to come in - why not just submit it on line at [www.justgiving.com/fosmas](http://www.justgiving.com/fosmas)

**We'll soon be sending "bling bags" home in bookbags - pop in your old costume jewellery and return to "FOSMAS c/o School Office" to help produce a truly dazzling jewellery stall.**

### **RBKC/SMA CYCLE FILM PREMIERE! Tues 9 July at 3.45**

**pm at School:** The culmination of a 2 year RBKC project with SMA as a beacon school for cycling. Starring - your children! Not to be missed.

### **LAST BLUE BAG COLLECTION OF THE YEAR - is in mid-July.**

This could be your biggest clear out yet and just in time to make room for the 2013 Autumn collection. Start assessing your stuff now, ditch those worn-out winter clothes and faded curtains so as to come back from your summer break with refreshed ideas and the storage to match. Enjoy the new you and help FOSMAS in the process. Bags2School collects good second-hand clothing, sheets, blankets, towels, shoes, belts and handbags and pays us by weight. Money for old rope (almost).

### **WHAT DOES FOSMAS FUND?**

Thanks to all of you who filled in the survey last term. One very clear message - we need to be better at telling you how we spend the money we raise. For the fine detail, come to the General Meeting and see [www.fosmas.info](http://www.fosmas.info). But this year items we've funded include the expensive new KS2 playground markings, KS1 playground equipment, Christmas parties, workshops, expert visits and coach hire for summer term school trips. Our big funding focus right now is on the much needed upgrade to the KS1 playground.

Let us make your donation  
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Please sign a FOSMAS Gift Aid form – available from the School Office and on [www.fosmas.info](http://www.fosmas.info)

**More information on these events will be in your book bags and is always available on our website. Check [www.fosmas.info](http://www.fosmas.info) regularly for school dates, the latest news and information on how the funds you raise are being spent. Free advertising on our Parents Notice Board!**