

# Summer



Welcome to the summer edition of the Friends of St Mary Abbots School newsletter. FOSMAS is your Parent Teacher Association, dedicated to raising funds to spend on the school for our children.

The last 14 weeks have not meant that we have all decreased been easy. We are in a the amount of time we spend out-changing world, and doors and exercising. things have been, no doubt, very FOSMAS also had to cancel/parents, children and staff alike; as suspend the Summer term activities like the Multi-sports day, well as for our wider families and Summer fair and KS2 Quiz Night. community. However, we continue to work It is in times like these that our with the school and, in response community spirit hopefully pre- to the heightened school hygiene vails and we can pull together to needs due to Covid-19, will be help each other. From FOSMAS funding new hand-washing we would like to acknowledge troughs in the playgrounds. that these are incredibly testing We hope you find this newsletter times for all, and we send every- uplifting and interesting, and that one our very best wishes. you will join us in wishing all the Whilst the teachers have made a staff in SMAS and all families con- spectacular transition at becoming tinued good health and the best online-only, at FOSMAS we con- in this journey towards a "new" tinue to try to find ways to sup- normal, as school slowly reopens. port our school and the children. School activities have been can- celled. Lockdown restrictions have



## SPECIAL DATES

JULY 17  
End of Term



More information on FOSMAS events and campaigns will come to you via email and will also be always available online on our website: <http://www.fosmas.info>

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## Looking ahead...

Sadly SMAS and FOSMAS' Spring and Summer 2020 activities have been cancelled, like plenty of other social events and parts of our lives we may have taken for granted. Things are uncertain as we write to you at this time. We remain optimistic and hope to resume our normal fund-raising and social activities in the new school year; provided Government advice allows us to do so. Your FOSMAS Committee has been holding monthly Zoom meetings to discuss the current situation and how best to help SMAS, the parents and our children. Looking ahead to the new school year starting in September, we are to preparing for:

1. Our Welcome drinks to new parents joining Reception class. Maybe we can set it up as a Quiz Night to break the ice?
  2. The FOSMAS Annual General Meeting and International Dinner, including a short Q&A with Mr. Primrose. An excellent opportunity to find out more about the exciting plans for the school and share your ideas.
  3. Acknowledging the importance of being active, a Sport-a-Thon with fun challenges, organised with or at school.
  4. The Christmas Fair, an old favourite and a (much needed) opportunity to have fun and enjoy with all the family.
- We are looking forward to see you all soon,

The FOSMAS Committee

## Remembering our latest events...



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## Quiz! Night

The annual Quiz Night in January was a fabulous evening. Becky Barrow and Tom Lyster have been great quiz masters for many years. We can't thank them enough for all their help, dedication and constant support to FOSMAS and our School. As usual, the questions were fun and challenging. Year 6 triumphed and the Reception team came a creditable second place in what was a very competitive night. Congratulations! The evening raised over £1,152 which was matchfunded by Barclays (thank you Ioana Bozan!), so a total of over £2,150. We all had an incredibly fun evening

## Movie Night



FOSMAS were very excited to host our film night for KS2 children on Friday, 6 March. Children watched Dumbo while wearing their pj's and enjoying pizza and juice. Thank you to the parents who chaperoned, and to Mr Primrose, Gill, Nadia and Mrs Morrison for being there taking care of the children.





## FOSMAS Wish List 2019-2020

Every year **FOSMAS** fundraises towards much needed equipment and school activities including the Teachers' Wish List.

Group Total	Item	Budget
Enhanced Reading Curriculum £ 5,800	KS1 phonics program Read Write Inc phonics (training and resources)	£ 5,000
	Phonics training	£ 800
Improving Reading Material for KS1 & KS2 £ 4,150	Cracking Comprehension	£ 550
	Banded Reading Books to use across the school	£ 3,000
	Cataloguing school library books	£ 600
Additional Resources £ 7,050	SEN supplies	£ 1,000
	Curriculum resources	£ 2,000
	Club Petit Pierrot	£ 3,500
	Geography and music provisions	£ 550
Subscriptions £ 3,720	Subscriptions (Mathletics, Big Maths, Happy Chick Company, Life education mobile classroom)	£3,720
Other items and activities £ 4,600	Photocopying/printing	£ 2,000
	Science show	£ 800
	Y6 Performance	£ 400
	Frames/Pictures for School	£ 1,000
	Competition prizes	£ 300
	Benchmark KS1 & KS2	£ 100
<b>£ 25,320</b>		

**FOSMAS** are working with Mr. Primrose and the Governors at funding part/all of this list (and more, such as the hand-washing facilities mentioned), but there's still so much more that needs to be done.

Covid-19 has put immense strain on everyone, parents, our school and charities. A not-so-subtle reminder to everyone that FOSMAS fundraising **enhances the educational experience of all students**. We rely on your generosity to support the school in achieving its goals... so, please **sign up for "regular-giving"**, if you have not already done so (see Page 4 for more information).



## Are we there yet?

Target: £ 40,000

100%  
90%  
80%  
70%  
60%  
50%  
40%  
30%  
20%  
10%  
0%



Not quite. Given this unprecedented times, FOSMAS, as many other charities, have had to cancel many of their fundraising efforts. However, we were lucky to enjoy a few of our favourite activities earlier in the year like the Christmas Fair (c. £4.7K), Quiz Night (c.£2.2K), Read a Thon (c.£5) and Movie Night (c.£0.5K). We also have received donations and ring-fenced £10K last year which will provide a well needed relieve during these difficult times. Income from all these events (plus other sources of income), excluding the ring-fenced funds, add up to c. £21.2K. As mentioned before, we are also funding the school wish-list and other initiatives for a total of c.£ 29.6K (excluding the hand-washing facilities). This means that, for this school year, **FOSMAS has given to the school more money than what has been collected**. This is understandable given current circumstance but it is not a sustainable situation.

**Please consider setting up a monthly donation to FOSMAS, or a one off donation. Your PTA needs you now more than ever!**



## Please sign up for regular giving



Every year **FOSMAS** set an annual fundraising target to cover for the Teachers' Wish List, small upgrades and other activities (e.g. school trips and events). This year we have set a higher target given the ambitious changes our school faces,

**All funds** are invested in educational resources, events and facilities our children love, enriching the curriculum and school life on a day-to-day basis.

Please consider setting up

a monthly donation to **FOSMAS**. You can donate via the link on the **FOSMAS** website, [www.fosmas.info](http://www.fosmas.info).

Simply click on the **"make a monthly donation"** button. If you are a UK tax payer, make sure to click the **Gift Aid** button so we can maximise your donation (Gift Aid adds 25% extra to your donation, which comes from taxes). You can also use the link to make a one-off payment.

## Matchfunding

Many companies throughout the UK offer employees the chance to boost their fundraising efforts by 'matching' the money they raise. **Given Covid-19, companies have also started to support personal causes and community charities.** Please reach out to your employer, and your PTA could double the amount of cash it raises! Let the Committee know at [committee@fosmas.info](mailto:committee@fosmas.info).