



Dates for your Diary

14 June – St Mary Abbots Summer Drinks Party in aid of FOSMAS

17 June – Cake Sale (Yrs 1 and 3) & drop off day for FOSMAS property

9 July – Summer Fair

12 July – EGM (Extra FOSMAS meeting) at 3pm

15 July – Cake Sale (Yrs R, 4 & 6)

Look out for more information on all of these events in your book bags and on our website over the coming weeks.

What we've raised so far this year

£1,444.15 – Quiz Night

£506.00 – Nearly New Children's clothes sale

£17,723 - Donations for new computers

£1,600 – Fun Run (and there's still more to come, please get your forms in asap)

Let us make your donation 25% bigger

Please sign a FOSMAS Gift Aid form – available from the School Office

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Accountant Needed: Could you spare a couple of hours to help us with an audit? Please contact Tony Maxwell on treasurer@fosmas.info

Summer 2011 Newsletter

Hello and welcome to our new FOSMAS newsletter. We thought it would be a good idea to keep you all updated on the very latest news from FOSMAS. We'll be letting you know how much money we've raised and also how it's being spent. We'll be updating you on the term's forthcoming events and most importantly letting you know how you can help!

The Summer term is particularly busy for FOSMAS; there are lots of events coming up. We've already had the Fun Run in Holland Park, which was a huge success. A big thank you to Corene & Tim for organising this and of course to everyone that took part and helped out on the day. We've still got one of our most important and fun events of the year coming up in July – the legendary St Mary Abbots Summer Fair! Carry on reading to find out how you can help with this.

We have also done something very exciting in terms of maximising our fundraising – we have registered with HMRC for GIFT AID. Please watch out for the Gift Aid form which will be in your book bag soon. We have also registered with Just Giving to enable you to make one-off or regular donations & fund raising pages to benefit FOSMAS.

We hope you enjoy this newsletter and find it useful. If you feel there are things you would like to see here, please email us on newsletter@fosmas.info – all comments most welcome! And if there is any other way you can help FOSMAS please do get in touch. Every penny we raise goes to the school and this of course benefits all of our children.

Many thanks, The FOSMAS TEAM

How has the money been spent?

In Autumn 2010 FOSMAS gave the school £10,000 to spend. As you'll see this money has been put to brilliant use.

Here is the breakdown:

Maths Week	£800
Life Education Mobile	£900
Book Week	£900
Christmas Productions	£400
Classroom Furniture and Equipment	£4000
Music	£500
PE Trolley	£200
Art Week	£900
Class trip	£600
Prizes for Competitions	£300
Still to be used	£500

A BIG thank you to everyone who contributed to the extra £17,723 raised for the new computer suite earlier this year. This has had a huge impact on the children's IT learning.

What's next?

The work never stops... Now the computer suite has been updated the next big project for FOSMAS is the redesign and refurbishment of the playgrounds. We think you'll all agree they could do with a bit of updating! Molly Sieghart, Jules Roeber, Vicks O'Neill and Andrew Mais have formed a committee to oversee this project. If you're interested helping with this and would like to join them please get in touch.

Mrs Doyle is also keen to commission some very special and personal objects for the School Hall – items that our children and all future generations who pass through the school will cherish. These are a large bespoke clock, a large wooden or metal cross, and carved candle stand (approx. 3'). A parent has already kindly offered to work on the clock but please get in touch if you or anyone you know is an artist or sculptor and might like to help create the candle and/or cross.

We need your help at the Summer Fair (9th July)

This is one of our biggest events of the year and for this we need lots of help. The Fair is being held in the Paddock, Kensington Palace Gardens, between 12pm and 4pm.

Maybe you could volunteer to help set up or clear up? Or you have a new stall idea? We also need volunteers to host/co-host one of the following stalls: Coconut Shy, Doughnuts stall, Hook-a-Duck, Drop-the-Spud, Bric-a-Brac, Lucky Dip, War hammer / Lego stall, fortune-telling, and a soothing storytelling/craft tent for younger children.

We're also on the lookout 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 a dinner party, baking a cake, hosting a children's party or babysitting etc. It doesn't matter how big or small it is. Please just get in touch if you can think of anything you could give.

If you're able to help please email summerfair@fosmas.info

FOSMAS Property Amnesty

Have you got any FOSMAS property clogging up your house or garage? If you have, we're sure you probably don't want it there! Luckily we've been given some storage space in the school and so this means all FOSMAS property can now be stored there.

So on **Friday 17 June** we're having a property sort-out; please bring any FOSMAS items that you have to the corridor by the school office. If you can't deliver them on that date please do let us know. And many thanks to all of you have given up valuable space to store property.

About FOSMAS

The current FOSMAS Committee of Trustees are:
Claire Slinn and Melinda Dodd - Co-chair,
Tony Maxwell – Treasurer, Tif Loehnis – Secretary
Caroline Harding, Marta Rodkina, Rebecca Miles.

Techie/admin help is provided by (non trustee) Sally Bessada.

Emails can be sent to secretary@fosmas.info
FOSMAS is a UK registered charity no 1030955

Second Hand Uniform

We are going to introduce regular second-hand uniform sales at various FOSMAS events. If you have uniform you'd like to donate please put it in a labelled bag and hand to the school office. Some of our kind parents have offered to wash and iron all of the second hand uniform before it gets sold, so it will look and smell as good as new.

DID YOU KNOW...?

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www.fosmas.info

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