

Dear Parents and Carers,

A Happy 2017 to you all! This is the first newsletter for the new year and I hope you all had a lovely Christmas holiday. My apologies if this newsletter is slightly longer but so many things happened before the school break for Christmas and more news needs to be reported for the rest of this scholastic year... **So please stay with us up to the last full stop!**

FOCCS had a very busy end to 2016, cumulating in a hugely successful Christmas Fayre which took our fundraising total past the £5000 mark! This money will pay for hundreds of new books and give all the children the opportunity to take part in free lunchtime sports clubs. So what's next? We are delighted to begin 2017 with the launch of a new fundraising project, raising money for a Radio Station for the school. Look out for our launch newsletter next term!

Special mention should go to Gen and Tom Lomax who got us off to a good start with our Radio Station fundraising by "going dry" in January. They even roped in other

members of the family to join them and raised an amazing £360!

Following our AGM in December there are a few changes to the FOCCS committee. Mick Stanger has stepped down as Co-Chair and we thank him for his contribution to FOCCS over the last 12 months. We are delighted to welcome a number of new faces. A full updated list of committee members will be put up on the FOCCS noticeboard soon.

Our recent quiz night was a huge success. Thanks to Lucy Millar, Clare Belmont, Nicky Couch, Joy Rickard and Jo Cooper for organizing this popular event and Congratulations to team "Total Recall" who were victorious on the night and generously donated most of their prize money to FOCCS!

Our next FOCCS meeting is on Friday 10th March at 9am in the Learning Lodge. We look forward to seeing you there.

The FOCCS Committee

Spending Update

Chess Club

Last year FOCCS agreed to a request to spend from the Chess Club, which meets on Monday lunch times. Here's an update from them...

"FOCCS were kind enough to buy Chess Club six new chess sets. The club continues to go from strength to strength, approx 50 children (Years 1-6) spread across the KS1 and KS2 lunchtime are playing and coaching chess every Monday. Fabulous!"

KS1 Nativity 2016

FOCCS once again supported the KS1 Nativity by providing funds for props and materials.

Well Done to all the Children and Teachers for the amazing performance.



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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Thank you to all those who came along to our kick-off meeting. There are still some roles that need to be filled...

CAN YOU HELP?

Could you help arrange equipment hire and coordinate volunteers. Could you be in charge of getting things up and down on Bank Holiday Weekend?

If you can help, please contact Nicola on mayfayre2017@gmail.com

Easter Egg Hunt Saturday 15th April 2017



We are looking for volunteers to run The Bunny Café. If you think you can help then please speak to Zoe Yeomans (Year 1) or e-mail foccschair@gmail.com

Focus on...



Are you likely to be booking a holiday soon? Do you buy a lot online? Are you often buying train or flight tickets? Will you be renewing any insurance policies soon?

Many online retailers and insurance companies will make a donation to FOCCS, at no extra cost to you, whenever you shop with them if you register for easyfundraising.

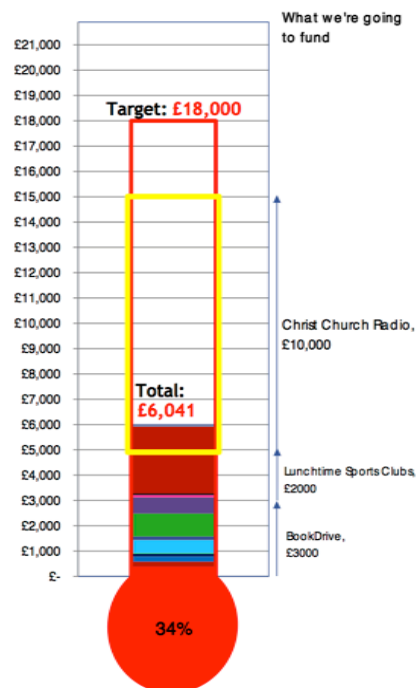
This is a quick and easy way to raise money for the school from the comfort of your own home! Last year we raised nearly £500 from easyfundraising donations and at the moment we only have 45 people registered to support us. Just imagine how much could be raised if all of our members registered!

Many retailers are registered with the scheme, such as John Lewis, Amazon, e-bay and many of the insurance companies and travel agents or hotel firms. Your privacy is maintained - we don't see what you are spending money on, we just receive the donations direct from easyfundraising.

Please take a look and consider registering to support FOCCS!

www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/foccsboa

The Great FOCCSFundometer 2016-17



Dates for your diary!

FOCCS Open Meeting
Friday 10th March 9am

Easter Egg Hunt
Saturday 15th April

May Fayre
Monday 1st May

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