

FOCCS

Friends of Christ Church School

Newsletter February 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

At the **last FOCCS meeting**, we were delighted to have people **Skype in!** The attendees unanimously agreed to purchase some digital scales for classrooms and a school banner for the children to take to events when they're representing Christ Church School. There was an update from the **School Grounds Working Group** (see back page for more details). The FOCCS constitution was discussed and some minor amendments for the next AGM raised. There was feedback and suggestions from organisers of the recent Christmas Fayre and Panto trip and updates received about current and upcoming events. *It was also noted that nobody has yet volunteered to coordinate Film*



Club, so this will be put on hold for the moment. If you'd like more details about the meeting, please email foccschair@gmail.com and we'll email you a copy of the meeting minutes.

The Fifth Annual FOCCS Easter Egg Hunt is taking place on Saturday 31st March (Easter Saturday) at 1pm. We'd love to see you there, we'd love it even more if you can help on the day! To offer help you can contact Zoe (who is Chief Bunny) by email at yeomans_zoe@hotmail.com.

Have a great half-term.

The FOCCS Committee. ☺

The Reading Bingo Challenge

is coming to an end- have your children got a full house yet? Around **Friday 3rd March**, we'll announce which year group has raised the most money and won a celebratory party! You can bring money into the school office or choose a year group and donate online at www.mydonate.bt.com/teams/bookbingo2018



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QUIZ NIGHT 2nd February 2018



THANK YOU TO ALISON, JO, JOY AND NICKY FOR ORGANISING A BRILLIANT QUIZ.

£650
Raised

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WINNERS "FOR FOCCS' SAKE"

Another fantastic **FOCCS Quiz** last Friday night raised a massive £650. Twelve teams played for winning glory, after nine rounds (including a cheese-tasting one!) the winners were "For FOCCS's Sake" – congratulations to the six Foundation parents who made up the winning team. Alison, Jo, Joy and Nicky have organised the FOCCS Quiz for 5 years but now their children are getting older and leaving Christ Church, this was their last one! Thanks to them for all the brilliant quiz nights they've orchestrated over the years. If anybody else would like to take a turn as quiz supremo(s), then Alison and Jo have offered to guide you, just get in touch!

DATES FOR THE DIARY:

Friday 3rd March – Reading Bingo Winners Announced

Monday 5th March, 8pm – Grounds Working Group Meeting (All Welcome)

Wednesday 14th March, 8pm – FOCCS Meeting (All Welcome)

26th March – Start of STEM Week (Funded by FOCCS)

Saturday 31st March, 1pm – FOCCS Easter Egg Hunt

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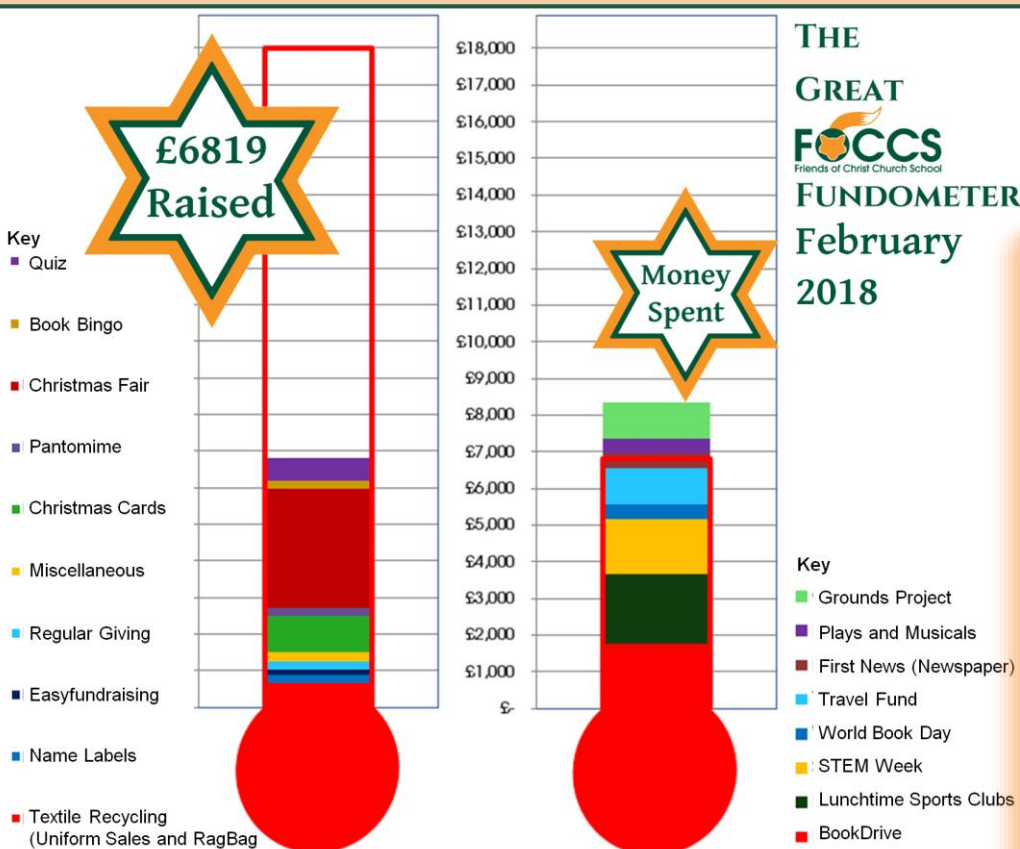
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Did you know?

FOCCS have just purchased a card reader, so if you run out of cash at an event, you can still pay for things on a card! Minimum spend £1.



40 Years of May Fayre

This year is the 40th May Fayre! What are your memories of previous ones? Can you share your memories with us? Do you have any photos from previous May Fayres which you would be happy for us to use?

Help Needed!

Plans for this year's May Fayre are well underway but you can never have too many volunteers! If anyone would like to **be involved in any shape or form** to help celebrate this year's 40th May Fayre in style, please contact Nicola at mayfayre2018@gmail.com In particular Nicola still needs...

- **Lots** of people to fill a cash office rota. Please sign up on Doodle if you can collect money from stalls or count money and fill in cash slips!
<https://doodle.com/poll/mcxxybbzpc32pw4e>
- One or two people to run the Cafe
- Someone to book and liaise with external stalls holders
- A logistics coordinator
- Someone to create Facebook posts
- A class hamper coordinator

Raffle:

If anyone would like to donate something to this year's May Fayre raffle please contact Liz at mayfayreraffle@gmail.com

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School Grounds Improvement Plans

The School Grounds Working Group are meeting once a term to progress plans to improve the grounds. Everyone is welcome to help, the next meeting is on **Monday March 5th at 8pm**. The work will be phased and here we describe the first 2 phases, which we hope will begin soon. Please let us know your thoughts on these plans by emailing groundsfoccs@gmail.com. We look forward to hearing your ideas.

Phase One - Playground Extension near Current Foundation and Year 1 Classrooms.

When – Starting Easter 2018

Description of Work – Civils works to extend the Playground on the Berryfield Hall-side of school and improve the drainage so it can be used year-round.

FOCCS Spend - **£1000** for Playground Markings agreed at a meeting on 23rd January 2018

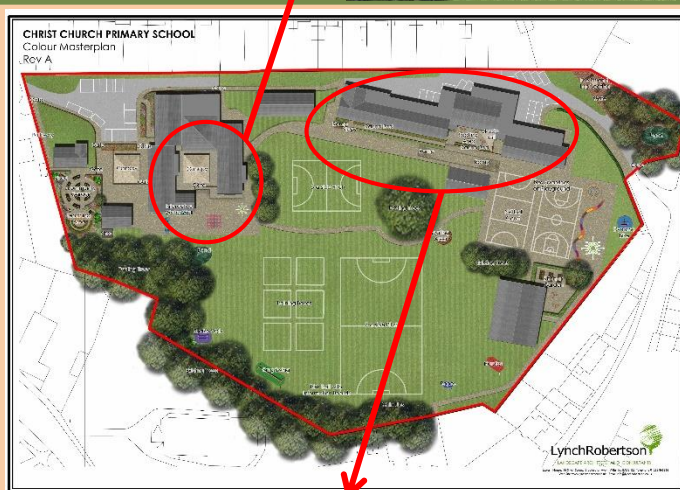


Phase Two - Accessible, shaded seating area between Current Year 3 and Year 4 Classrooms.

When – Starting Summer 2018

Description of Work – Widening of pathways, installation of ramps, creation of a shaded seating area.

FOCCS Spend – **£10-15,000** Agreed at a meeting on 23rd January, subject to approval from the wider members via this newsletter. Please email foccschair@gmail.com to approve or reject this spend.



Would you like to sponsor an item of play equipment (between £250 - £1000)? Or could you contact local businesses to ask if they would?

Can you write grant applications? Other phases might be eligible for grants.

Fancy taking part in a community grounds gardening / clearing day?

Any other fab ideas you'd like to share? Please email groundsfoccs@gmail.com to offer your help!