

# **Our Newsletter**

March 2022

## Spring is here!

How is it March already?! Those last few months since Christmas have certainly flown by and spring is finally here. The winter term has been really lovely, so we hope you and the children have enjoyed some of the activities we have arranged. Since January we have managed to raise £593 (from the Break the Rules Day, the Valentines Disco, and the Mother Day gift stall) and therefore the total for this school year raised so far is £2,224 which is incredible - thank you again for all your support! We hope to continue to raise money for the rest of the school year (and beyond of course!) with some exciting events to come!

In terms of other spending from FoCS, we have contributed a significant amount of money and effort into the school grounds (more details on this below), we arranged a thrilling science activity day for the children which took place this month and also purchased nearly £200 worth of new books requested by school.

## **Green Fingers**

As mentioned in the last newsletter FoCS have donated £2,500 so far towards refurbishments of the outdoor play area which was completed earlier this month. FoCS along with a small group of parents, are also doing some work to revamp some of the outdoor spaces to ensure the children have lots of fun, exciting places to explore within the school. Firstly, we are revamping the Kitchen Garden to create a fun learning area where the children can grow things and have outdoor classes. We are also planning to create a bright and fun 'Jubilee Rainbow Garden' as part of the main school field where the children can play and relax in and installing a huge outdoor blackboard for them to get creative during break time! If you would like to get involved in this let us know – our next weekend 'garden club' is planned for 9<sup>th</sup> April 10am-12 noon (weather permitting of course!)

We hope to get the children involved in the exciting garden plans, so therefore we would like to ask that over the Easter holidays that all children go hunting in the garden, the forest, or any other outdoor areas for a large pebble (big enough to paint a picture on, so maybe a minimum of approximately 10cmx10cm). The plan is that during school time they will then paint these to include in the garden. *Please can the children bring their pebble into school on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2022.* 

Thank you for all your donations made towards this so far! FoCS will continue to fund any additional requirements, but we are still on the look out for old wellies so please do bring any in!

# Feeling lucky?

We are always on the lookout for competitions and freebies that will benefit the school in some way. We came across this where you can enter a competition to win lots of books! Please take a minute to enter this competition for us – thank you! https://harpercollinschildrensbooks.co.uk/2022/02/09/win-six-amazing-adventures-plus-500-of-books-for-your-school/

#### Team news

Unfortunately, due to increasing work commitments Louise has decided to step down from her role as Chair of FoCS therefore we are on the lookout for a new Chair with effect from September. If anyone is interested in this exciting role or getting involved generally please do let us know using the contact details below for more information. As a reminder if your employer offers any match funding scheme please do let us know!

# Happy Easter from FoCS

And finally, from all of us, have a lovely Easter break, hope the sun shines and you get to eat lots of yummy Easter eggs!

