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NEWSLETTER

The latest news and update from the Friends of St Pauls Association



ABOUT FOSPA

FoSPA (Friends of St Paul's Association) is a registered charity run by parents of St Paul's pupils. Our role is to organise fundraising events, such as the cake sales and Christmas/Summer Fairs. All proceeds are used to provide facilities, experiences and resources for the pupils, which would otherwise be outside of the normal school or class budgets.

Our target in 2023-2024 is to raise £20,000 to upgrade the school's computers.



AUTUMN TERM EVENTS

Dorking to Brighton Bike Ride

Twelve riders successfully completed the FoSPA 80k Dorking-to-Brighton bike ride on Sunday 24 September. Luckily the sun was shining and everyone had a great day out, hampered only by a slight headwind. The event raised more than £650, making it a fantastic start to the year's fundraising. Thank you to all the riders and everyone who supported them.

Quiz Night and FOSPA AGM

We held our AGM and Quiz Night at The Lounge Meadowbank on 5 October. Thanks to everyone who came and helped raise more than £750. Congratulations to the "Simple Minds" team who won tickets to see Dorking Ladies FC (kindly donated by Callum Best).

Christmas Fair

This year's Christmas Fair was a runaway success: taking a whopping £8,000. Highlights included the sold-out White Bag stall and the Hamper Raffle, with some magnificent treats assembled by each year group. Thank you to all the staff, pupils and parents who organised and ran the fair, and to everyone who took part and supported the school so generously. Thank you also to all the entrants to the Christmas Fair Poster Competition. There were so many great designs, but well done Harriet in Year 4 for her winning entry, which we were proud to post all over Dorking.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Year 5 Cake Sale · Year 4 Cake Sale · Year 2 Cake Sale · Second-hand uniform sales · Cinema Club · Disco · Circuit · Easter Egg Hunt



MONEY RAISED

Recent FOSPA Funded Initiatives:

- Tapestry to replace paper learning journals in Reception
- Table cloths and Crackers for Christmas Dinner
- Badges for completing accelerated quizzes
- Replace trays and draws in classrooms
- Purchase additional books for Accelerated Reading and Book squad
- Purchase additional art supplies for KS1

Total Raised This Term: £11,250



CAKE SALES

This term Year 6 and Reception each baked up a fantastic effort (with a little help from their families). Year 6 raised an impressive £182 while Reception managed a record-breaking £281. Unlike other FoSPA events, all proceeds from the cake sales are made available directly to the year group's staff to provide a resource or activity that would otherwise be outside their budget. Thank you to everyone who baked or donated cakes and ran the stalls – and thank you to all those who bought some delicious cakes!



PRE-LOVED CHRISTMAS CLOTHES APPEAL

In January will be collecting any pre-loved, out-grown or ready-to-donate Christmas jumpers, PJs and other seasonal clothing for a FoSPA second-hand sale next year. Please bring anything you'd like to donate to the school office before the end of January.



NOTICES & THANK YOUS

FoSPA is run entirely by parents of St Paul's pupils, and we always need volunteers to help organise and run our events. If you'd like to get involved and get to know some other St Paul's parents, we'd love to hear from you: Please email chair@fospa-dorking.co.uk and be sure to follow us on Facebook!

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