

# FOAS Newsletter – February 2018



Firstly Happy New year from the Friends of All Saints team.

Although only a very short Half term we have achieved so much. Not only have we held some great events, but we have planned some for the coming weeks and months too. I'll start this Newsletter by recapping on the end of 2017.

## 2017

After such a successful start to the school year we finished it off by throwing the whole school a Christmas party on the 19<sup>th</sup> December. All of the children ate lunch together in hall where we had Christmas music playing, crackers, chocolate lollies and candy canes. Everyone had a great all the children we so well behaved. After lunch each class had a special visit from Father Christmas!! He brought each class the gifts that they had asked us for –

Acorns - Small world toys (arctic animals, sea life creatures ) & snowflake blocks

Class 1 - Small world people & snowflake blocks

Class 2 - Toy cars & board games

Class 3 - Forest school equipment

Class 4 - Board games

Class 5 - Playdoh, play foam, and motion sand

Class 6 - Donation of £15 to charity, foam football & gel pens

Thank you Father Christmas for helping us deliver the gifts. The children were all so excited and it really was magical seeing their faces and thank you to everyone that helped make it happen.

## Future Events

Please look out for information in the coming month for the following - More Forest and pond clearing and rejuvenation events, A school fun run ,and a Quiz and Curry evening to name just a few!

## 2018

At our first friends meeting on the 22nd January it was decided that our main fundraising focus this year will be the Forest school and pond area. We have set ourselves a target of ~~£5000~~ to which we are already well on our way to achieving.....please keep a look out for the fundraising money thermometer that will be displayed in the school very soon. We are extremely lucky at All Saints to have such a large Forest area and this will be a great opportunity to make it even better for the children and wildlife. This weekend the 3rd February saw the first event which was to completely clear the Forest area before we start to plan with the children how they would like it to be laid out and what they would like in the area. A HUGE thank you to Jon Pryke, Steve Gulliford, Mark Coombe, Sue Purchase, Mike Wells, Rob Parr, Tim Cox, Claire Laidler, Miss White, Mr. Ross and Mrs. Bowditch for their help with the big clear. It has made such a huge difference and has left the children with a blank canvas to start their planning. We will be having more events in the area to help turn the children's plans into reality so if you are interested in helping, please let us know.



## Next events –

### School Disco 9th February

KS1 - 6-6.45 & KS2 - 7-7.45

Thank you to everyone who has returned their slips so far and to those of you who have volunteered we will let you know this week if we do need you to help on the night.

### Something new....Star Gazing Evening 23rd February 6.30 PM.

We are very pleased to be able to put this event on with the help of CADAS - Crewkerne and District Astronomical Society. This will be a family event, everyone is welcome. We will be asking for donations on the evening and all monies raised will be split between the Friends and CADAS. Hot food and refreshments will be available to buy so why not make an evening of it with your family, learn about and see some stars. We do have a wet weather plan, however we may have to postpone it if the weather really lets us down so finger crossed for a dry clear evening. Letters will be going out shortly.

### Money Snake

On March the 8th we will be seeing if we can beat last years length 214m and value of £220 money snake. For all new parents a letter will go out very soon explaining a bit more about this event. We have a very tough challenge this year as last year broke both the length and value record !! So please get saving up your small change as it will all help boost out Forest School target!

### Easter

Easter is just around the corner and of course the Friends will be holding their annual cake sale, this will slightly different this year! After the success of the 20th birthday tea party with the help of the school we will be having more of an Easter celebration so please look out for more information that will be sent out soon.

### Easyfundraising

I would just like to say a huge thank you to everyone that has registered and used our Easyfundraising page so far. Since setting it up in October we have raised an astonishing £71.08 from parents and family just doing their shopping! If you haven't yet registered it is not too late. Please look at the link below and help us raise more free money! There really is no catch.

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/foasmontacute/>

**Thank you as always for your continued support .....Erin and the Friends team.**