



FBSA Christmas Newsletter December 2022

Welcome to our Christmas Newsletter, we have had lots of fun this term and have more planned for next term. Please find a review of all our events/activities both recent and for future. We appreciate your support as always!

Fireworks Review

We are delighted to share with you a fabulous fundraising total of £2,981 from our Flax Fireworks Event. Woop woop, we hope you all enjoyed it!

To add to this fantastic news, we have previously calculated the Carbon footprint from this event as a direct request from the children working on school values around environmental awareness.

As of last year we have a contract with a Carbon Offsetting Project called "Forest Carbon" making it a completely carbon neutral event.

We are also incredibly proud of how little waste was accumulated. Clear up the next day saw a single (ONE!) bag of general waste from a crowd of 800 people! Unbelievable!

We were able to recycle ALL the rest and could not have met this amazing feat without the help from **you** bringing your own cups and using the recycling bins appropriately! A true example of how we role model 'making a difference.' And it really does! We are so happy and proud to deliver this positive feedback. Thank you everyone who came and made this happen.

A massive THANK YOU to all our volunteers on the night (parents, staff, grandparents, alumni students!)

We simply cannot run this event without your help – including the set up and down volunteer teams, so we really are incredibly grateful to everyone who gave up their time.

It is so worth it to see the smiles on people's faces. Thank you!



Christmas Disco Review

Once again, the children had a great time partying to the tune of Christmas music and erm...Cotton Eye Joe?!



The hall was suitable sweaty and smelly by the 3rd Disco and we made £420 for school, so happy with that!

Class Christmas Wish Lists

You may or may not realise what an impossible financial juggling act schools across the country battle on a daily basis to prioritise the best outcomes and opportunities for children today due to lack of government funding.

Flax is no different and resources are incredibly tight. We realise those who kindly donate to school don't always know what their donations go towards but here's your chance to choose.

Flax staff have taken the time to create a wish list of things from which the children would benefit, be it enhancing their play, to their mental and physical wellbeing.

Please do take a look by clicking on the following link: [Flax Bourton Church of England Primary School - Class Wish Lists](#)

Each Class has a separate list tailored for that age group.

Christmas Performance Footage

Can you Help?! The man/company we have used historically to video these events has retired. Thankfully a couple of parents stepped in to video which we felt was better than nothing. But we don't have the tech skills to bring it to fruition for sale.

Does anybody have any links/skill set to come into school and edit the videos to put them onto USBs please? Do contact your reps if you can help or know someone who can.

Upcoming Events

Bags2School – Fri 6th January

Winter clothes edit? Out with the old, in with the new? Please please save your bags of clothes to go for this easy fundraiser! Drop them at school in the 1st week of term – we

Thank you to all the staff for staying on whilst “off duty” and teaching our kids your best dance moves, we couldn’t have done it without you!

Thank You’s!

A HUGE Thank You to those who have kindly made such generous adhoc donations to the FBSA. This is a MASSIVE help to school and facilitates financial security to cover annual class costs for trips and treats, Christmas crackers, easter hunt gifts and SO much more.

The funds raised at the fireworks alone do not cover all these costs, so these make a huge difference to our financial security. Thank You.

A big Thank you also to Tony Miles from Bourton Farm Christmas Trees for kindly donating us a Christmas tree this year...we think you’ll agree that it certainly brightens up the hall and has helped bring the Christmas spirit to Flax with festive twinkles to boot!

Fundraising Review

Fundraising Income this academic year	
Uniform Sales	£176.75
Picnic	£48.28
Michaelmas Fayre	£147.90
Fireworks	£ 2981.59
Christmas Cards	£652.54
Christmas Disco	£420.05
“Easy Fundraising”	£57.16
Giftaid	£70

Money spent - school	
Class trips and treats	£3,430.00
Welcome bags	£25.30
Christmas Crackers	£189.00
Yr 6 life skills	£598.00
SMART board for Chestnut	£1,870.00
New Outdoor Benches	£1,759.00
Outdoor Learning Site Work	£434.00
Outdoor Learning wheelbarrows	£105.72

FBSA Functional Spend	
Lottery license	£20.00
Carbon Offsetting	£41.64

Donations

If you would like to make a donation to the FBSA please click on the link below. This route facilitates Gift Aid too. Many thanks.

[Donate with PayPal Giving Fund](#)

get paid per Kg so every gram counts! Spread the word to friends and family – we’ll take theirs too!

Parent/Teacher Quiz Night – Fri 24th Feb

Clear those diaries for a child free evening of fun, laughter and silliness with bar and snacks on the side.

Save the date and find a team of 2-6 people.

This is definitely not one to be missed! Raucous banter with some healthy competition is at large!

We guarantee belly laughs a plenty and some sore heads in the morning!



Reminder Dates For your Diary!

Fri 6 th Jan 9am	Bags2School Collection
Fri 24 th Feb 3:15-3:40pm	2nd Hand Uniform & World Book Day fancy dress Sale.
Fri 24 th Feb (Time TBC - evening)	FBSA Quiz Night
Thurs 30 th March	Break The Rules Day and Easter Egg Hunt
Fri 21 st April 3:15-3:40pm	2nd Hand Uniform Sale
May/June? Date TBC	InFLAXus Games
Fri 16 th June (9am Collection)	Bags2School Collection
Sat 17 th June (Time TBC)	Summer Event
Fri 21 st July (3:30 – 6:30pm)	Party in The Park (Farleigh Green Park)

Cake Sales

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Willow - 13th Jan	Sycamore - 24th Feb
Beech - 27th Jan	Oak - 10th March
Elm - 10th Feb	Elm - 17th March
	Beech - 21st April
	Willow - 5th May
	Maple - 19th May
	Chestnut - 16th June

The money raised from these events goes directly to the hosting class.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE MORE INFORMATION ON THE FBSA, PLEASE DO GO TO THE FBSA TAB ON THE SCHOOL WEBSITE .
[Flax Bourton Church of England Primary School - FBSA \(devwebsite.co.uk\)](http://Flax Bourton Church of England Primary School - FBSA (devwebsite.co.uk))

We look forward to delivering our 2023 fundraising efforts with your support!

The FBSA team

