



FLAX BOURTON SCHOOL ASSOCIATION



FBSA Newsletter 20th September 2022

Welcome to our first FBSA Newsletter of the year. On behalf of the FBSA, we would like to extend a very warm welcome to all of our new children and parents who have recently joined the Flax Family. We have a busy couple of terms planned with lots of fundraising activities continuing throughout the year, so do read on to get our dates in your diary!

Meet the FBSA team (2022-23)

We are delighted to confirm this academic year's FBSA team as follows:

Your Core Committee

FBSA Chair:

Clare Hartley-Hodge (Elm & Sycamore parent)

FBSA Vice Chair:

Kate Brookbank (Elm & Chestnut parent)

FBSA Secretaries:

Lindsay Abley (Elm parent)

Leah Wait (Elm, Willow & Chestnut parent)

FBSA Treasurer:

Katherine Falconer (Elm & Sycamore parent)

Your Class Reps

CHESTNUT

Gemma Graham
Amy Ashley
Charli

MAPLE

Abi Henderson
Sarah Ballisat

WILLOW

Janet Wessels
Roz Rendall

BEECH

Emily Gazey-Mitchell
Jennifer Chard
Posy Smeetham

ELM

Tracey Mac
Laura Aitkin

OAK

Ali Chichester
Lindsay Knight

SYCAMORE

Amelia Taylor
Sophie Harris

Upcoming Events

FBSA Summer Picnic on the Playing Field

Sat 24th Sept from 12:30-15:00

This is a **FREE Flax School Family** event to give us a chance to meet new friends and catch up with old ones.

It is a low key, super chilled, **BYO picnic event with a cash bar, snacks, music and Ice Cream no less!**

To avoid plastic waste at the bar, please bring a drinking receptacle with you from home and don't forget cups for the kids too!

NB Chestnut and Maple Gardens will be closed and out of bounds.

THIS SATURDAY may well be the last sunny weekend forecast, so before the rain and cold set in, let's all get together for a few hours!

Imagine, butterflies fluttering above our heads while we laugh gaily on our picnic blankets, drinks in hand while our cherubs skip joyfully on the playing field around us. Could it be more idyllic?!

Enid Blyton imagery aside, in order to cater for the bar, please **get your FREE Flax Summer Picnic Ticket from the FBSA Ticket website link below**

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/fbsa/>

(New parents will need to register – this is the platform we use for all our ticketed events).

We look forward to seeing you there! If you are able to volunteer a small amount of time setting up, manning the bar or tidying up please let your class rep know.

FBSA Spend 2021-2022 – Where did the money go?

Throughout the academic year, a team of dedicated, volunteer parents and staff organise fun events to buffer the unprosperous financial input school receives from the state. Our fundraising makes a HUGE difference to all our children's school experience and journey.

Our annual FBSA expenditure includes a fixed budget for the following:

- Each class to buy items to equip their classrooms
- Contributions to school trips/treats
- Supporting workshops
- Buying new books.
- Chestnut welcome bags
- Christmas crackers
- Sycamore hoodies
- Easter hunt treats/Sports Day Ice Lollies for all children
- Offsetting our Carbon Footprint for events.

Through donations and fundraising last academic year we have **ALSO been able to fund a number of projects** such as:

- A new PA/music system
- The Reflection Garden
- £11,900 worth of ICT suite equipment with £3K ring fenced for more to come!
- A day of entertainment, learning, fun and magic, celebrating our late Queen's Platinum Jubilee
- Sunflowers for Ukraine
- Over 200 saplings behind the forest school area
- Upgrade of the forest school area with future plans financially ring fenced too
- Financial security to put on fundraising events such as the Fireworks, Christmas Disco, Quiz Night, Summer Fayre & Circus.

A breakdown of FBSA spending from the last academic year will be available on the school website after our AGM in October.

We are thrilled to announce a **total profit raised of over £31,000 last academic year**, which we think is truly spectacular!

Thank you. Every single one of you. Your staggering contributions and engagement towards our fundraisers categorically make an incredible difference. Our children genuinely have an enhanced educational environment and opportunities in which to learn, with state-of-the-art resources to boot because of the financial support you bring to the FBSA.

Thank you.

Donations

If you wish to make a donation to the FBSA directly, please go through our PayPal Giving link.

Being a charity, we are able to claim gift aid on all donations. 25% extra is nothing to be scoffed at and every little helps!

<https://www.paypal.com/GB/fundraiser/charity/3157241>

Flax Bourton Church Michaelmas Market

Sat 1st October 10am-4pm

Please do come along to Flax Church and stock up on local wares and goodies. Sycamore Class will be manning an FBSA table piled with good condition 2nd hand traditional toys, board games and more – perfect for Christmas presents. All proceeds from the FBSA table will be going directly to the FBSA. Please see the link below for more info.

<https://facebook.com/events/s/michaelmas-market/548313443650326/>

Flax Fireworks

Friday 4th November

In the (almost) words of Noddy Holder...
.....IT'S FIIIIIREWOOORKS!

Yes, they're back! Our ever-popular fireworks event is locked and loaded! We very much look forward to seeing you all there at our flagship fundraising night.

The bar will be flowing, our In-house DJ's Maz & Chaz are back to delight us with their finest tunes and MC skills. We will of course be having a raffle with a super selection of prizes and a catering compliment to put us on the Michelin Map!

As is routine, we require some fine, upstanding citizens to help volunteer on the night and before/after to help keep the event running smoothly. Please do let your reps know if you can help.

The bar and hall will be temporarily closed for the display, so everyone can enjoy it.

Tickets will be open exclusively to Flax families only on the ticket website nearer the time – dates TBC. IF there are tickets still unsold, we will offer tickets to the general public in the final week before the event, but not before. This is to ensure that our Flax families have first priority as there is a firm limit on capacity to the event. Please do not wait until the last week to book your tickets!

Second hand Uniform Sales

We plan to hold a second-hand uniform sale each term. We have made an effort to ensure the dates correlate with other events like Christmas and World Book Day etc.

"Fancy Dress" or "Theme Dress" donations can then be purchased for an exceptionally good price at the same time as uniform/Wet weather gear/wellies & PE kit. Boom!

We sold over 100 items last Friday and are always grateful to receive uniform/wet weather/PE kit/Fancy dress donations in **good condition**.

We are currently very short of school polo shirts of all ages. Uniform ages 10-12yrs are also in very short supply.

We are overwhelmed with KS1 clothes, so do not need further donations currently in this size other than polo shirts.

We regret that we are unable to accept tops without the school logo. Many thanks for your continued support with this.

Dates For your Diary!

Sat 24 th September 12:30-3pm	Picnic on the Playing Field (FREE ticketed event at Sch)
Fri 1 st October 10am-4pm	Michaelmas Market (Flax Bourton Church)
Wed 12 th October 7pm onwards	FBSA AGM and Meeting (At School)
Fri 4 th Nov 5pm-7pm (ish)	Flax Fireworks (Ticketed event at Sch)
Fri 2 nd Dec 3:15-3:40pm	2nd Hand Uniform & Xmas outfit Sale (at Sch)
Fri 9 th Dec Times TBC	Christmas Disco Party (Sch Hall)
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 "Pumpernickel" 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
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	Ice Cream/Cake Sales
Sycamore - 7th Oct	Sycamore - 24th Feb
Oak - 21st Oct	Oak - 10th March
Chestnut - 11th Nov	Elm - 17th March
Maple - 2nd Dec	Beech - 21st April
Willow - 13th Jan	Willow - 5th May
Beech - 27th Jan	Maple - 19th May
Elm - 10th Feb	Chestnut - 16th June
The money raised from these events goes directly to the hosting class.	

We do not plan to change any dates at the latter end of the year, but with all planning farther ahead, there may be small changes and we may add in more events and dates.

Christmas

As per usual we will be celebrating all things Christmas with the opportunity to purchase bespoke festive cards/merchandise made by your children and tickets for the FBSA Christmas party.

COVID19 Update

We hope you feel safe to join us and enjoy taking part as much as we enjoy making them happen!

If you have any suggestions or concerns regarding Covid, please do let us know so we can try our best to address this where possible.

OUR CARBON NEUTRAL LEGACY

In line with School's Environmental Values, we are thrilled to report that we have committed to a monthly DD with [Forest Carbon | Planting UK Woodlands | Carbon capture and ecosystem services](#) to offset our Carbon Footprint from all our FBSA events. We plan to continue this contract indefinitely as long as funding permits.

Following our calculations and research from the 2021 fireworks we were able to calculate our Carbon usage at our biggest event of the year. We used this and applied it to all our other events, proudly making The FBSA completely Carbon Neutral.

We hope you can help us with our eco plight at our events.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE MORE INFORMATION ON THE FBSA, PLEASE DO GO TO THE FBSA TAB ON THE SCHOOL WEBSITE – Although we are in the process of updating this, so please bear with us. [Flax Bourton Church of England Primary School - FBSA \(devwebsite.co.uk\)](#)

We look forward to starting our 2022/23 fundraising efforts with your support! Thank you again.

The FBSA team!

