

FOBPS update



Halloween Disco, Thurs 19th October:

The Halloween disco held before half term was a great success; there were some fabulous costumes on show and some equally impressive dance moves! We hope everyone enjoyed it.

The two disco sessions raised a total of **£544.45**, thank you everyone for your support.

Cake Stalls:

This year's cake stalls have been going well with two stalls offered at the same time, one on each side of the school – we have sold out at both stalls so far! A card machine is available at both sides and we split the cakes equally between the two so that each stall has some of every batch!

Well done to Year 5 for the most recent cake stall raising **£103.50**, there were lots of interesting cake designs on offer, the most popular being the burger cakes!



Year 4 cake stall is next, after Christmas on **Fri 12th January 2024**

Recent FOBPS spends - *Suggestions are welcomed*

- Topic books for Year 1 – Space!
- Subsidy for the Space Dome visit to year 1, 4 & 5 on Friday 10th Nov
- Portable Sound System for public events
- Toys for EYFS & Year 1 playground



Upcoming FOBPS Events

Christmas Market, Friday 1st December, 6pm – 8pm:



It's that time of year again!

The Christmas Market will be bustling full of festive fun for the whole family including:

BBQ & Licensed Bar - School Choir Performance at 6:30pm - Story with Santa in his BPS Grotto - Face Paint & Glitter Tattoo - Adult Tombola - Christmas Games - Kids & Teddy Tombola - Books - Mulled Wine & Mince Pies - Edible Crafts - Hot Choc, Tea & Coffee - Cakes - Lucky Dip - Christmas Raffle

Santa visits can be booked online in advance from 20th Nov:

<https://fobps.charityhive.co.uk/>, with some slots available on arrival at the market.

Raffle prizes will be revealed in the coming week: **First Prize of £100 Cash** (thanks to Steve Hansford Flooring for the donation), online ticket sales open 20th Nov, with paper tickets available at the market.

WE NEED YOUR DONATIONS TO MAKE THE EVENING A SUCCESS AND RAISE MUCH NEEDED SCHOOL FUNDS

*If you can, please donate some of the following items from **Monday 20th November**:*

- **Raffle prizes**: unwanted gifts, good quality items, vouchers, local experience passes
- **Bottles of alcohol / unopened tins / adult gifts** for **adult tombola** and "Full or empty" game
- **Second-hand Teddies**: *please make sure these are good quality, for teddy tombola.*
- **Cakes, Biscuits and Mince Pies** (no nuts please) – **bring to school on Fri 1st Dec.**

ARE YOU GAME FOR SOME FESTIVE FUN?

We need around **30 volunteers** for this event as it is our biggest of the school calendar; unfortunately we do not currently have enough people who have come forward to help - if you can help with the Christmas market, please contact the Friends email bridportpsfriends@gmail.com as soon as possible. **Just an hour of your time would be an enormous help**, Thank you.

TABLES AVAILABLE FOR TRADERS

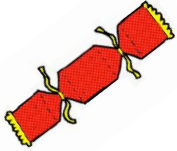
We would love to have parents/friends/children selling their own gifts, arts, and crafts at the market; £12 per table; email bridportpsfriends@gmail.com if you are interested; spaces are now limited so do not delay!

FOBPS Wrapping Party, Tues 21st November:

As ever, we have plenty to wrap for Santa this year so if you have a penchant for wrapping gifts this is the volunteer event for you! We will be wrapping all the gifts for the Christmas Market's *Story with Santa*, along with the gifts Santa has for the KS1 children when he visits at the end of term. Please get in touch and we will confirm the location; wrapping starts around 7:30pm and Christmassy drinks and nibbles will be provided!



Christmas Lunch Day, Weds 13th December:



At this special lunch time all the children in the school are given a cracker to pull with their friends, funded by FOBPS (this includes children with a packed lunch), but don't forget to book the yummy Christmas Roast dinner online by midnight Weds 6th December.

New to You Stall, Mon 11th December:

This is your chance to grab some bargains on good quality used uniform before the Christmas break. We hold stock of items such as grey/black skirts, dresses, trousers and shorts, and green jumpers or cardigans for sale at bargain prices (£1 per item).



Uniform donations: please consider donating any good quality used uniform to the New to You stalls - we are particularly short of the larger sizes. Simply deliver to the school office; we accept grey/black skirts/trousers/shorts/dresses, summer dresses, green jumpers, cardigans, and PE hoodies. **NO shoes, bags, coats, underwear, white polo shirts** thank you (these are rarely asked for and take a lot of room in our small storage area – please donate them to the textile bank next to the bike shelter).

FOBPS Meetings

We meet as a group regularly, more when we have events coming up. Our meetings are always held in the pub, allowing us to have a catch up and a chat either side of the meeting discussions; please do come to our next gathering if you can – dates are always advertised on social media, in our WhatsApp group, and included in Newsletters. Dates of our next two meetings:

Mon 15th January 2024: Tiger Inn, Bridport, from 7:30pm

Tues 27th February 2024: Tiger Inn, Bridport, from 7:30pm

FOPBS Communications

If you think you can spare a little time to help your school's PTA every now and then, please email us at bridportpsfriends@gmail.com and we can add you to the WhatsApp group where we can put a shout out when we need help! Alternatively, we still have the communication links below:

✉ E-Mail: bridportpsfriends@gmail.com

Facebook: [@bridportpsfriends](https://www.facebook.com/bridportpsfriends)

Instagram: [bridportpsfriends](https://www.instagram.com/bridportpsfriends)

Twitter: [@bpsfriends](https://twitter.com/bpsfriends)

"Like" and "Follow" the FOBPS Social Media pages to hear about all the Friends' events and notices.

Easy ways to help FOPBS



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<https://www.emptiesplease.com/>

Please collect used ink cartridges and put them in our recycle bin situated in the school office. 'Empties Please' will collect the bin when it is full and donate the money raised straight back to FOBPS.

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Easy Fundraising

Please help Friends of Bridport Primary School by signing up to support us for FREE on <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friendsofbps>.

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£274 raised so far

29 supporters have joined

Astra Cycle Textile Recycle Bank

Did you know that we have a textile bank situated in the school carpark.

Astra Cycle pay FOBPS 40p per kilo for what is collected and will empty the bank every 2 weeks to stop it from overflowing! (If it is full, please wait for the bank to be emptied rather than leaving the bags of textiles next to the bank)

The textiles collected are either sent to Eastern Europe to be used again or converted into insulation materials and industrial cleaning wipes - less than 1% of what you donate will end up in the ground.

Items must be bagged please, and the following is accepted: Clothing, Uniform (if not fit for New to You), Shoes, Accessories (bags, hats, gloves, scarves, belts etc), bed linen and towels.

Please note, the textile bank does not take Carpet, Curtains, Fabric Off cuts and General waste.

