



Friends of Kingsham Primary School

The FKPS exists to raise funds and fun for the school, to help the school community stay strong and healthy. All parents are members, and welcome to get involved with the organization of events, whether for the kids, parents, or families.

This year we have returned with gusto at the school disco, which proved a massive hit at the end of the half term. We raised around £400 towards FKPS funds, and those dancing shoes will be needed again throughout the year.

We've also got our spending requests for the year, which have come from the school council and the teachers, more about that later.

How does it work

As we progress through the year, the FKPS start with an AGM to keep things shipshape, where we elect a chair, secretary and treasurer, and any other posts that are deemed necessary. The last 18 months have been a quiet one for us, but we're back in full flight now, and the last meeting was well attended, both physically (in the pub) and virtually on Zoom.

What we've done, and what we're doing

We have looked back at what we've been spending our funds on over the last couple of years, and everyone is really happy that the big purchase is now installed – the benches in the playground are made from heavy duty recycled plastic and virtually



indestructible; they will be an asset for the school for many years.

The mobile kitchens were bought a couple of years ago and have been brilliant in bringing baking skills to the KS1 children especially. For the older children, we always support the leavers do for year 6, which typically involves enormous amounts of pizza.

FKPS also supported Mrs Tarrant with gardening kit to help get this year's club off to a roaring start, and we're all seeing the benefits of the club, with plenty of outdoor time for the children who have had several great harvests.



We always ask for the ideas to come from the school, and this year the council have been really busy planning some fantastic ideas.

Our biggest project is a large willow dome for the grounds, big enough to house a whole classroom and 2 teachers. This is a living shelter, that will grow through the years, and provide a beautiful outdoor classroom setting, or just a shady spot for quiet reading. When it is installed by a local expert, there will be the chance for the children to learn about weaving and willow craft.

In the future, we hope to support funding for raised wooden shelters, a low level tree house for outdoor learning, and a beautiful mural of the world.

So how do we go about raising funds?

We've already seen that the disco was a huge success for the children, they enjoyed it, and it was a money earner.

The Christmas Fair, which is always well attended and one of our major fundraisers is the next event, followed immediately by a parent only event, the winter cheese and wine; a fabulously great social night.



For 2022 we have already pencilled in the next DiscoNite, with talk of quizzes, barn dance, race night, and a *very* exciting event towards the end of the year. We will also support the incredible ideas from the school council where we can.

Get involved

So, if you're thinking that you'd like to get more involved, but not sure how, then check out the FKPS Facebook page, or contact us on FKPSschool2020@gmail.com. As a committee member, we are one of you, a parent. It can be daunting to think you'd be lumbered with loads of onerous tasks, but as a group we share and volunteer around all the duties needed to make everything work, so there's always someone to help out and nobody gets overwhelmed.