FOAP Spring Term Newsletter February 2024

With what seems like forever "off duty", FOAP is getting back into full swing again, with some egg-citing events

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM) 22nd February 2024, 1930 at Atwood Primary School

Although January and February are quieter months, one thing we do have to do in this period is hold our Annual General Meeting (AGM). This is when the Chair and Treasury advise of the previous financial years (January to December) figures and feedback from events. We also vote in the Committee/Trustees for the forthcoming year.

EVERYONE who is connected to the school, either by having a child they care for attend or by working here, are already considered members of Friends of Atwood Primary. However, it is always good to see new faces join on a yearly basis as they join the community, as it is always sad to see other faces leave as their child(ren) moves onto secondary school.

To confirm your attendance, please complete the google form via the link below: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1DzCAgYz7TC4J5nbR ptd7SjXUfWxzl5lfwUlGx3WyJM/edit

MOTHERS DAY GIFT SALE - 8th March 2024

FOAP will be holding a sale of Mother's Day gifts on **Friday 8th March** at pick up. This will be an opportunity for the children to purchase a small gift and card or gift label if they wish. Further details to follow soon.

BOOK AND UNIFORM SALE - Thursday 14th March 2024

The much loved Book and Uniform sales have now been combined and will be based in the ICT suite on Thursday 14th March 2024 At pick up

(From 3pm onwards)

SCHOOL DISCO – FRIDAY 22nd March 2024

This will be FOAP's third disco, and boy have we learnt a lot! Unfortunately following some behaviors, we will no longer be offering fizzy drinks to the older year groups, which is a shame that everyone misses out because of just a few. We have also listened to feedback and introduced a drink and snack with each ticket, plus we have removed the booking fee!

The DJ will have a box of prizes to give out throughout the sessions, based on dance offs etc.

Price lists will be issued out to the parents a few days before the event, so they can see what is on offer and help the children to budget.

As always, we can't run these events without you, so to help volunteer at this event please go to our Volunteer site: <u>https://volunteersignup.org/8M34X</u>

To purchase tickets for your children, please visit: <u>https://buytickets.at/foap/1149941</u>

SUMMER FAIR – SATURDAY 22nd JUNE 2024

Last year we ran our first year group competition for the best dressed/best manned stall at the Summer Fair. This brought a healthy amount of competition and interest into the event, and we will be continuing this competition this year. More details will follow after the Easter holidays, but thought we would share this news with you in order for you to save the date!

RED CLOTHING BIN – LOCATED AT THE BOTTOM OF THE DRIVE

The red bins at the bottom of the drive are still available for donations, and accept a variety of items, which are collected weekly.

Please ensure all items are bagged, and if the bins are jammed, please report to ContactAtwoodPA@gmail.com.

CURRENT PLEDGES:

We have recently delivered new pots, pans and other kitchen accessories in a pledge that was requested by Ms Carlucci.

We are also currently working on another large playground purchase for the school and have also passed multiple pledges of equipment in the EYFS play area, including a mud kitchen - more information on both these pledges will be released in the next newsletter.

ITEMS FOAP ARE CURRENTLY COLLECTING:

Again, we cannot stress enough how much of the fundraising received is down to the school community. In order to keep raising funds we will be collecting the following items this year:

- Loom Bands and accessories.
- Unwanted adult gifts (unopened)
- Unwanted Teddy Bears

Please place your donations in the FOAP donation boxes by the school gates at both the main entrance and Tandridge Gardens entrance.

PLEASE NOTE: We are currently not accepting any more books or Children's toys.

SOCIAL MEDIA

Did you know that FOAP is on Facebook & Instagram, please find us, like us, follow us and share our posts @FRIENDSOFATWOODPRIMARY

WANT TO HELP FOAP?

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Should you wish to be involved with offering help (where you can) at events, please do not hesitate to join our latest whatsapp group, just for volunteers. This whatsapp is solely for information and where the FOAP Admins can post links to the volunteer pages or polls for help for events. This will also give you exclusive access to news of forthcoming events.

To join the whatsapp group, please contact Helen Hammond on 07733297007 or

Click here to request access to the WhatsApp Group

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

New dates listed in red – All dates are subject to change

22nd February 2024: 14th March 2024: 8th March 2024 22nd March 2024: 28th March 2024: 28th March 2024: Spring Term: 22nd June 2024: July 2024: 12th July 2024: 3rd November 2024: Annual General Meeting (AGM) Book and Uniform Sale (Date now confirmed) Mother's Day Gift Sale School Disco (Easter Term, Years 1-6) Easter Egg Hunt Tea Towel's (information to be released in due course) Atwood Primary School's Summer Fair Uniform and book sale TBC School Disco's (Summer Term, Reception to Year 5) Sanderstead Fireworks Display

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