

FRIENDS OF ST JOHN'S



spring newsletter



What's On

SOCIAL FOR PARENTS!

A relaxed evening for parents to meet and get to know new parents in our school community - all welcome.

Weds 23 March from 7.30pm

Bank of Friendship pub

Blackstock Road

UNIFORM SALE

Last day of term - Friday 1st April
After the Easter Bonnet parade, in
the hall, at pick-up: 1.30-2.15pm
Items 50p-£1



Call for trustees

FOSJ is looking for a new chairperson or a small team of co-chairs to lead our events and fundraising programme for the year ahead.

We have an existing team who have helped over many years and all the infrastructure in place to support this role, we are just **in need of new ideas!**

FOSJ fundraising is essential to enrich the educational experience for all children at the school, without which we are relying on the state funding minimum, which sadly means no nice extras.

Where does your money go?

- Science, tech, maths ("STEM")
- School trips & class materials
- Y5 Shakespeare & Y6 PGL contribution
- Wellbeing resources for the school
- Music scheme with Guildhall school



Thank you

To **Richard**, our wonderful facilities manager, who has built a new outdoor reading area for the children from recycled materials and is revamping the Reception and Y1 play area.

Richard also built the climbing frame and handpainted everything you see in the playground - often during weekends and holidays. You're a hero, Richard!



science



reading

NEXT TERM - AFTER EASTER

Friday 6th May - KS1 cinema night

A lovely after-school activity for children in Reception, Y1 & Y2



Friday 20th May - KS2 disco

Much fun to be had at the annual disco for Years 3,4,5 & 6

Starts 8pm tbc



Friday 24th June - Summer Social

For the whole St John's community to meet and enjoy each others company - with music & refreshments.

Starts 18.30 tbc



Sunday 3rd July - Fun Run!

Third time for this crowd-pleaser, children sponsored to raise money for FOSJ. Start tbc - likely 09.30



DIRECT GIVING

We believe passionately in helping sustain St John's strong, engaged and kind community where everyone feels welcome.

For those families who are unable to volunteer time, we also have the option of a direct donation scheme, where every contribution is matched by an additional 25% of Gift Aid from the government.

Giving can start at £5 per month to whatever you can afford. As a guide, free school meals* for every child in Islington is worth the equivalent of £37 per month, per child.

If you would like to know more please see the forms in the office or speak to Stewart Armer, our treasurer, on the email below.

Next fundraising target?

New & better fencing for the pitch, which is broken and sharp in parts and lacks privacy from the street.

Who are Friends of St John's?

We are Elise Salerno, mum to Luca in Y5, Stewart Armer, dad to Orlando & Thomas in Y4, James Peach, dad to Louis in Y1 and Jessica Lister, mum to Imogen in Y3. Plus all the representatives from your classes who help create the special culture at St John's and host important community occasions for the school. Thank you reps! Your help is invaluable.

What do Friends of St John's do?

We run fun social and fundraising events, whenever time and energy allows. Our events play a part in contributing to St. John's unique community as well as raising money to help the children.

What don't we do?

We don't input into or answer questions about teaching or the school curriculum - please speak to Mrs Hodgson instead. The school leadership team also decides where our money is best spent.

How to contact us?

We are always keen to welcome new members, please email fosj@gsuite.stjhv.islington.sch.uk

Skills we always need help with: event planning, comms, design, book-keeping

**FSM are not offered to all in other boroughs. If you think you'd qualify anywhere, pls speak to the office to ensure you are registered via the council as this ringfences funding for the school, which is super helpful. Thank you!*