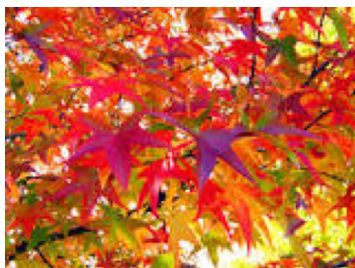




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Friends of St Wilfrid's (FOSW) Newsletter

Hello Autumn!



A very warm welcome back from FOSW! We hope you all had a lovely summer break and are now looking forward to getting involved with FOSW in the Autumn term. A special FOSW welcome to all of our new parents who are settling their children into school, particularly in the Reception classes. Starting school is an exciting but daunting time for the children - as well as for you as parents, so the FOSW team would like to welcome you into our fun and friendly community!

Joining FOSW is a great way to meet new people and play a more active role in your child's schooling. You don't need any special skills as we all contribute in different ways and work together as a team, just be willing to have a go, muck in and most importantly - have fun!

So why not come along to one of our monthly meetings and meet the team? The next one is on Thursday 2nd Nov, at 7:45pm at Mrs Gillespie's house! Please email us if you'd like to attend.

Before we look at dates for the Autumn term, FOSW would like to thank you for the incredible support you gave us last year. Thanks to your generosity we raised approx. £12,300, so we were able to buy the last 3 CleverTouch TV systems, so every classroom now has one. We were also able to buy and replace some much needed PE equipment. The rest of the money will be spent on improving the library in school.

Here's what's coming up this term:

FOSW:



***Autumn Term Diary
Dates 2017***

- **Infant & Junior Discos**, Friday 20th October, 6-7:15pm (KS1) & 7:30-9pm (KS2).
- **FOSW Committee Meeting**, Thursday 2nd November, 7:45pm at Mrs Gillespie's house (please email FOSW for details).
- **Classfundraising Christmas Cards**, deadline, Friday 20th October.
- **Funds4Schools Second Hand Clothing Collection**, 9am, Thursday 2nd November.
- **Second Hand Uniform** will be available on Parent's Evenings, the week starting 6th November.
- **Christmas Fair**, Saturday 9th December, 11:30- 2.30pm. The Choir will open the Fair at 11:30.



**Infant & Junior
Discos
Friday 20th Oct**

Disco tickets will be on sale in the reception area outside the School Office on Wed 11th, Thurs 12th and Fri 13th October at 08:45-09:15 and 15:00-15:30, plus on Fri 20th October, am only.

We're so excited about the first Infant & Junior Discos of the academic year! They're always so much fun – for the adults as well as the children! DJ Toby can't make it this time so JoJo's Discos will be leading the dancing in the main hall with refreshments, glowsticks, tattoos, crafts, face painting and air hockey in the small hall. If you can help at either disco or both, please send us an email or fill in the reply slip at the bottom of the poster that you've received via Parentmail.

Reception parents please note, that the school recommends that Reception children do not usually attend this disco as it can be quite overwhelming when they've just started school. Parents are also unable to stay for the duration of the discos, unless they attend as an event volunteer. Please see the separate letter sent with the disco flyer.

**Class-Fundraising
School Christmas
Cards**



Would you like your child to design their own Christmas cards? This year we're teaming up with Classfundraising.co.uk, a PTA approved company that raises funds for schools by creating gifts from your child's artwork. We're going for an early bird booking so look out for the templates in your child's book bag. **Please return your completed designs to your class teacher by Friday 20th Oct.** FOSW send the completed templates to Classfundraising, who print a sample card of every design and return to school, so parents can see their child's design before they order.



**Funds4Schools
Clothes Recycling**

As the Autumn days are drawing in, it's a good time to have a sort-out of all your summer clothes! Look out for a Yellow Funds4Schools Bag coming home in your child's book bag before half-term. This is a great way to fundraise for school whilst clearing out your second-hand clothing. Funds4Schools also collect paired shoes, handbags, belts, soft toys and perfumes – but no books or bric-a-brac please! The collection is booked for the morning of Thursday 2nd November, so make sure to return your filled bags to school either on the day or before then.

Contact FOSW

Leave us a message in the School Office or via our Facebook page 'Friends of St Wilfrid's' or email us on:

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**That's it for now! Best wishes
Claire & the FOSW team**