



# NEWSLETTER

CHRISTMAS EDITION 21/22

## The FOBPS Committee 2021/22

At the AGM, our chairperson of 4 years, Marie Martin confirmed her decision to step down from the position but assures everyone she will still be around to help at events whenever she can! FOBPS extend our thanks to Marie for her hard work and dedication as chair.

**Chairperson:** Sam Hansford (Mum to children in Year 4 and Year 1) has moved into this role after helping at FOBPS events for the past 4 years and being on the committee as Secretary for the past 3 years. *"It is a privilege to be the chairperson for the FOBPS; a valued resource for the school when they require those extra things that budgets don't cover. I am looking forward to getting the fundraising back underway as and when we can and coming up with new activities and events for the school community to enjoy – something that we can probably all do with after the past 18 months!"*



**Treasurer;** Jacky Horniblow (Mum to child in Year 4); our longest standing member, having been on the FOBPS committee for several years during the time that her four children have attended the school.



**Secretary:** Laura Walter (Mum to children in Year 3 and Reception) is new to the Committee this year but has helped at many Friends events since her children started attending the school. *"I believe the work the Friends of BPS undertake is so important to the school community. All those little extras that the Friends contribute to are the things that make memories: school trips, summer fayres, discos. My kids love getting involved and it teaches them about the value of community."*

## FOBPS AGM, Volunteers and Members:

This year's FOBPS AGM saw an attendance of 7 people; thank you to all who attended and to those who sent their apologies; as awesome as our crew of regular helpers are, unfortunately this is nowhere near enough people to run the events that BPS parents and children have come to love and look forward to throughout the year - we really cannot stress how much we need new members as without them we will not be able to run these events anymore.

Attending meetings is not mandatory - we have many Friends who go to enormous lengths to help at events and/or lend their skills to the Friends in other ways such as running cake stalls, refreshments at fairs, advertising, asking businesses for raffle prizes and going shopping in preparation for events so please do come forward if you can do anything, even if it's just once!

E-Mail: [bridportpsfriends@gmail.com](mailto: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.**

### Recent Successes

#### **Autumn Half Term Trail**



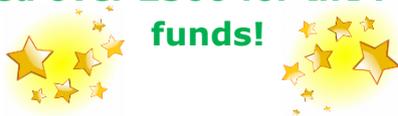
There were lots of eagle-eyed clue spotters completing the Autumn trail during half term; we sold all our goody bags to complement the trail and an incredible number of maps! We hope you all enjoyed it and made it round without any rain dampening the spirits; thank you for supporting this event! Thank you also to Washingpool Farm for the donation of the clementine's for the goody bags! Take a look at our social media for the answers to the anagrams and pictures!

#### **The Great BPS Pumpkin Competition**



We had the perfect clear, crisp night for it; with 33 fabulous pumpkins turning up for the display! Well done and thank you everyone!

**The trail and pumpkins combined raised over £300 for the FOBPS funds!**



#### **Bag2School (Friday 8<sup>th</sup> Oct)**

As always this was well supported, with a good amount of unwanted clothing, shoes, bags etc bagged up and delivered to the school – FOBPS are then paid per every kg donated!



Look out for another opportunity to do this in the New Year.

#### **New to You**



We hold stock of good quality, used uniform items such as grey/black skirts, dresses, trousers and shorts, and green jumpers or cardigans for sale at bargain prices (most £1 per item).

Please request the uniform items you require via our email: [bridportpsfriends@gmail.com](mailto:bridportpsfriends@gmail.com) including the following information in your email:

- Type of Uniform you require, to include colour / specifics where appropriate
- Clothing size,
- How many items required
- Name and Class of your child

Items will be sent out with your child through their classrooms and payment can then be made through the online MCAS system.

(Unwanted items can then be returned to the Friends via the office if necessary).

### The Christmas season is upon us at BPS!



Most of us have now begun the countdown to Christmas and the FOBPS are no different! In past years at this time of year we would have been busy planning our Christmas Fair, but things have again been rather different so instead of holding indoor events we have opted to bring the popular elements of the fair to you in new ways over the coming weeks until the end of term!

#### **Pantomime (Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> November)**



The ever-popular M&M Productions are returning for another panto at BPS, this year performing Cinderella (oh no it isn't!!) – The school have come up with an alternative way of viewing this socially distanced so that all children can still enjoy it.

#### **A Real Christmas Tree**

will be standing tall for all the children to enjoy outside the front of the school again this year, arriving at the start of December.



#### **Decorate the Christmas Tree**



In lieu of the popular Christmas craft table, FOBPS will be selling wooden Christmas tree decoration packs; take it home, decorate it and return the finished product to school to be hung on the Library Christmas Tree for all to see!! Information to follow.

#### **Christmas Crackers**



for all children within the school on Christmas Lunch Day - Weds 15<sup>th</sup> December. (Please remember the deadline for booking the hot lunch for your child is a week before).

#### **Books at Bedtime - Mon 13<sup>th</sup> Dec**

A new event to complement the school's focus on the importance of reading. Children are invited to return to their classrooms after dark, in their pyjamas, where they can enjoy a Hot Chocolate and a Cookie whilst listening to some magical bedtime stories with their teachers. Details to follow.



#### **Christmas Gifts to KS1**



We will be returning to business as usual and having a festive get-together to help Father Christmas get all the gifts from FOBPS to KS1 wrapped and ready to go for the Christmas parties in the final week of term. So, if you like wrapping, WE NEED YOU! Please get in touch and we will arrange a time and location; a great way to make sure you're on Santa's nice list!





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## Christmas Raffle



Christmas at BPS wouldn't be the same without its popular raffle, so we are hoping to make this the biggest one yet, continuing with last year's online success and this year's turbo charged with the first prize of £50 cash!

Please keep a look out for details of this on our social media and in emails from the school. Before we start the countdown to the big draw in the last week of term, we are asking for donations of prizes from BPS families please; this could be gift sets, bottles of alcohol, Christmas food items (prepacked), toiletries, treats etc. Please take any donations to the school office by Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December. Alternatively, we could collect from local addresses. Thank you 😊

## Christmas Jolly Jars

Always the biggest queue at any fair we run, this is a firm favourite with the children so we will also be running a "children's raffle" for these much-loved jars of... well, anything you can think of (child friendly of course!).



So, we will be asking families to save a jar from the recycling and fill it with sweets, stationary, hair accessories, stickers, craft supplies, toy soldiers... you get the idea!!

Please bring jars to the office by Friday 10<sup>th</sup> Dec.

## Easyfundraising Donations.

You can help FOBPS raise funds simply by doing your everyday (and Christmas!) online shopping! Over 4,000 big name retailers are involved and every time you shop, we receive a small donation to say, 'thank you!' It's completely free and over £27M has been raised for causes just like us so far. Please sign up and help us at:

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friendsofbridportprimaryschool/>

## FOBPS Meetings

These will resume now that we are permitted again, meeting in line with the Covid guidelines at the time! Our next meeting will be Jan/Feb – to be confirmed on social media once we have all recovered from Christmas!

## What are we raising money for this year?



Aside from the Panto, Christmas Tree, Crackers and Gifts mentioned for Christmas, we have already pledged funds for:

**School Trips** are back on the agenda, so we have committed to donate a contribution towards a school trip for all years from 1-6; this means the expenses for transport, entry fees etc paid for by the school/parents is more affordable.

£350 donated towards a **book package** for the school, totalling 950 books to be used for the children's learning. With further funding for the school library refresh planned for the coming months.