



FBSA Newsletter 5 – December 2016

Welcome to our latest FBSA Newsletter. It has been a busy term for fundraising and I'm really pleased to be able to share some of our final figures with you in this newsletter! I hope you have enjoyed our activities this term – from fireworks, to films, to quizzes, to Christmas cards, to toy sales, to discos - it has been a lot of fun and I thank you for your continued support for all our events!

FBSA vacancy

As mentioned in our last newsletter, we now have a vacancy on the Core Committee for a new Treasurer. Our current incumbent, Donna Druce, has decided to stand down at the end of the financial year (Easter 2017), therefore if anyone is interested and would like the opportunity to shadow Donna, please do let your Class Rep know.

To give you an idea of the Treasurer role, it includes things like ensuring we have floats available at all our events; paying invoices; reconciling expenditure & expenses; reporting our financial status at our monthly FBSA meetings; and finalising end of year reports. A lot of our processes are now automated through our website and PayPal accounts simplifying things considerably.

As an added bonus we have recently become Burton Sweet Accountants' nominated charity for the next two years. They are local (based in Farleigh Green) and have generously offered free training for a committee member, so if anyone is interested in the role, we can organise training for you too if you wish!

Thank you!

I just want to take the opportunity to thank all of my wonderful FBSA team for their support this term – it's always a busy one and for a number of reasons it has been

very challenging and I want to pay a really big heartfelt thank you to you all for your commitment and resilience!

Fundraising this quarter

I'm pleased to share with you some of our fundraising highlights so far:

We kicked off our campaign this academic year with a bang – literally - and I can now announce that our fireworks event raised a massive **£2849.10!** As we know this was a sell-out with a Glastonbury style frenzy to get tickets (!!) and with the weather on our side it was a really successful evening - *a huge thank you to everyone who helped out in any way to put on this event.*

We are still finalising totals from our quiz night, Christmas discos, Christmas card and DVD sales, so I will bring you these in the next newsletter, but hot off the press I am thrilled to let you know that our toy sale has just raised a massive **£430.40!** *A huge thank you to everyone who donated and bought items and helped sell and an extra big thank you to Carol Buckley for all her hard work in organising this - you're a complete star!*

Added to our film night our fundraising total currently stands at almost **£3,400** – a fab start to the year 🙌😊

Easyfundraising update



Thanks to everyone who are now using easyfundraising when shopping. We have raised a total of **£456.74** through this which is great news, thank you! To date we have **35 people** registered to donate through easyfundraising and it would be great if we can increase this number as it's such a simple way you can raise funds without having to put any effort in. If you haven't yet started using easyfundraising here is a quick reminder...

Every time you shop on-line you can raise money for the FBSA, at no extra cost to you. Simply register at <http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/flaxbourtonprimaryschool> and download the "Find and Remind" feature <http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/raise-more/find-and-remind/>. Every time you shop you will be prompted to tick a box that means we will automatically receive a donation, often 2-5% direct from the retailer. You could be raising a lot of money for the FBSA through all that online Christmas shopping! Don't forget to register for gift aid if you are eligible as this is an easy way to boost our payments. Thank you!

Upcoming events

We'll be planning lots of fun events after Christmas once we have had time to catch our breath, but below is a sneak preview of a new concept we hope will be a LOT of fun!

*** Flax Got Talent! Sat 4th March** – Parents, carers, teachers! Are you harbouring a secret or not so secret talent that you would like to share? Then this is for you – an opportunity to show off your skills individually, or as a group, for your chance to win the Flax Got Talent Trophy! Closing date 22nd January to submit videos of your talent. Then join us on Saturday 4th March for an evening of live entertainment by those shortlisted – all to raise funds for the FBSA. For more information please visit <http://flaxbourton.n-somerset.sch.uk/our-community/flax-got-talent/>

Garden Project

As well as all our usual items of expenditure for the academic year, some of our fundraising total this term is earmarked for our garden project. We are now in the planning stage with a view to starting the build after Christmas. If you can help us out at all we'd love your support – we're especially looking for:

- willing volunteers to clear away existing beds and clear area generally / construct new beds / level off & lay gravel around beds
- anyone with gardening expertise they can share to help us get this project right first time – our aim is to provide each class with their own bed and within that each child / pair of children their own planting area
- support with sourcing suitable materials (wooden boarding / soil / compost / gravel etc)

If you can help with any of the above please let us know – thank you!

Reminder dates for your DIARY!

Tues 17 th Jan	FBSA Meeting – 8pm, The Jubilee – all welcome!
Sunday 22 nd Jan	Closing date for Flax Got Talent entries
Saturday 4 th March	Flax Got Talent!

We wish you all a very merry Christmas and happy and healthy New Year!



Lisa & the FBSA team!