



## FBSA Newsletter 7 – July 2017

Welcome to our latest FBSA Newsletter. Since the last newsletter we have enjoyed a lot of cake (!) from our Willow, Maple and Chestnut cake sales, through to our hugely successful and enjoyable Great Flax Bake Off. Most recently we kicked back with our summer picnic which was a lot of fun and ended up being a really brilliant fundraiser for us ....read on to find out more.

### Thank You!

I'd just like to take the opportunity to say a great big thank you! For such a small school we really do achieve a lot together and every £1 we raise makes a real difference to all of our children. So to my amazingly talented FBSA team and to every single parent and child who has taken part in our events this academic year, volunteered in any way, donated items and most of all had *fun* - THANK YOU! None of our events or activities could ever happen without your support, you make a huge difference by choosing to be part of the FBSA wider team and it really is appreciated.

If you're reading this and thinking you would like to be more involved then do let us know – we need your continued support to make it all happen!

Finally I'd just like to say a heartfelt thank you to all our departing Year 6 parents for everything you have done throughout your time at Flax. You will ALL be missed! I wish you and your children every success and happiness as you move on to KS3! Oh – and if you have any old uniform I can sell on the 2<sup>nd</sup> hand stall next term, that would be appreciated! Just sayin'....

Thank You 🙌😊

### Fundraising this quarter

Our recent fundraising efforts over the last quarter (The Great Flax Bake Off, most recent Flax Film Club & KS2 DVD sales) have raised over **£550**.

The summer picnic deserves a special mention all of its own – our last chilled out and quite literally 'laid-back-on-the-grass' fundraising event of the year, has raised a seriously impressive **£850!**

We'll bring you the totals of our ice-cream sales next term...

*A huge thank you to everyone who helped out in any way to put on these events/activities.*

Some of our most recent fundraising totals have gone to ensure our Year 6's got their Leavers Hoodies (you all look fab in them!), along with paying for the whole school science day which benefitted every single one of our children.

Our FBSA mission this year was to bring the garden area behind the new Chestnut Class back to life. We are really pleased to say we achieved this with the reconstruction of 4 new raised beds and the re-siting of some of the trees in the area. Both Beech and Maple classes have been growing things to great effect and are now beginning to literally reap what they have sown! We are currently in the process of negotiating further external funding to turn the area into an outdoor classroom with seating and arches that the children can use to grow climbing plants etc. Watch this space for further news...

## Easyfundraising update



Thanks to everyone who are now using easyfundraising when shopping, as featured in our previous newsletters. We have raised a total of **£595.67** through this which is great news, thank you! To date we have **43 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/flaxbourtonp-rimaryschool> 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. Holidays, insurance, travel to name a few can all be placed via Easyfundraising (EF), **so if you're looking at summer holidays please use the easyfundraising tool**. Don't forget to register for gift aid if you are eligible as this is an easy way to boost our payments.

## Upcoming events

Our autumn term is definitely our busiest in terms of events and fundraising items so I thought I would give you some idea of what is coming up:

### \* Flax Quiz Night on Fri 29<sup>th</sup> Sept – 8p.m. onwards

- *Come and welcome Flax friends new and old with drinks and a highly non-competitive quiz!*

### \* Flax Fireworks Night on Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov – 5.30p.m. onwards

- *Our annual key fundraiser is back! Don't forget to purchase your tickets early!*

### \* Flax Christmas Fayre on Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec – 2p.m. onwards

- *We are going traditional this year with a proper Christmas fayre!*

There will also be a film club night running next term as well as all the usual Christmas purchase opportunities such as cards and nativity DVDs – more info to follow at the start of the academic year.

\* Thank you to everyone in KS2 who ordered a DVD copy of the amazing production *Pirates of the Curry Bean*. You will receive your order through your child's book bag on the last day of term. For anyone owing money for these you will need to pick your copy up from the school office and pay for it then and there – thank you! And we have a few extra copies for purchase on a strictly first-come-first served basis if anyone would like an additional DVD...

## Reminder dates for your DIARY!

Tuesday September 12th	First FBSA meeting of the new academic year – 8pm, The Jubilee – all welcome!
Friday September 29 <sup>th</sup>	Parent-Teacher Quiz Night- 8pm
Friday November 3rd	Flax Fireworks – 5.30p.m.
Saturday December 2nd	Christmas Fayre – 2p.m.

*Wishing you all a healthy, happy sunshine-filled summer!*

*Lisa*

**& the FBSA team!**

