



## FBSA Newsletter 4 – September 2016

Welcome to our latest FBSA Newsletter. The summer has passed by in a blink of an eye and the new academic year is well underway and on that note the FBSA would like to extend a very warm welcome to all of our new children and parents who have recently joined the Flax Family. We have a busy term planned with lots of fundraising activities so do read on to get our dates in your diary!

### Meet the FBSA team (2016-17)

I am delighted to confirm this academic year's FBSA team as follows:

#### Your Core Committee

<i>FBSA Chair</i>	<b>Lisa Campbell (Beech child)</b>
<i>FBSA Secretary</i>	<b>Sally James (Willow Child)</b>
<i>FBSA Treasurer</i>	<b>Donna Druce (Willow child) / vacancy*</b>

#### Your Class Reps

<b>CHESTNUT</b>	<b>Rebecca Cordina</b>
	<b>Amanda May</b>
<b>MAPLE</b>	<b>Anna Gravelle</b>
	<b>Monica Ogborne</b>
<b>WILLOW</b>	<b>Ben Martin</b>
	<b>Julie Stephens</b>
<b>BEECH</b>	<b>Sally-Ann Parry</b>
	<b>Sarah Manning</b>
<b>OAK</b>	<b>Carmen Meira-Garcia</b>
	<b>Anna Andrews</b>

If you have any suggestions for future fundraising ideas, want something raised at our meetings, or have any questions for the FBSA please do let your individual class reps know. \* We also have a vacancy for our FBSA Treasurer role, currently on a "job-share" basis with a view to taking over the role towards the end of this academic year. If you're interested in this please do let one of the team know!

### Fundraising final quarter 2015-16

I'm pleased to share with you that our final fundraising efforts of the last academic year (Flax Film Night, Summer Fayre and & ice cream sales) raised around **£1,450**. A huge thank you to everyone who helped out in any way to put on these events/activities.

As noted in our previous newsletters this money ensured we contributed to our Year 6 Leavers gifts and celebration, along with donations to allow each of our 4 classes to buy things on their wish lists (teachers are currently spending their allocation to add new resources for this academic year to individual classes) and to ensure we had the funds to buy our 2016 new starters' book bags etc.

As also previously noted, one of our big aims this year is to bring the garden area behind our Beech and Chestnut classes back to life. We are currently getting a working party together to begin planning this - if you are a keen gardener and would like to be involved in this resurrection then do let us know!

## Easyfundraising update



Thanks to everyone who are now using easyfundraising when shopping. We have raised a total of **£371.17** through this which is great news, thank you! To date we have **33 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. Holidays, insurance, travel, your weekly grocery shop and, dare I mention the "C" word? Yes all that online Christmas shopping which will loom large very soon can all be placed via Easyfundraising (EF). Don't forget to register for gift aid if you are eligible as this is an easy way to boost our payments.

The school who are at the top of the easyfundraising league table, raising an amazing £11,613 have also got parents to align their business buying with easyfundraising. So once again a HUGE plea – if you run a business, are responsible for buying for a business, or can persuade the people who order goods where you work to use easyfundraising and nominate Flax as the recipient charity, we will see our funds boosted massively! Currently Viking, the UK's largest office supplies retailer, has just increased their donations up to 4.5% - so every time you order paper, ink cartridges, staples etc, you could be raising a donation for us for **FREE**. Please join in if you can!

## Upcoming events

As always we are packing in a lot of fundraising events into our first term:



\* **Flax Film Club on Fri 7<sup>th</sup> October**

- Tickets are now available to purchase on our website - <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/fbsa> for our first film club of the academic year (see parentmails for more details)

\* We'd love to see you all at our first parent event of the year, our **Quiz Night** – grab some friends and come and join us on **Thurs 20<sup>th</sup> October at 8pm** in the school hall.

- Tickets are available on-line at <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/fbsa> and cost £5 per person (max 6 people per team). There'll be a bar, snacks and a few games along the way. We look forward to seeing you there for some fun prior to the half-term hol!

\* **Flax Family Fireworks on Fri 4<sup>th</sup> November** – our ever popular fireworks event is running for the 4<sup>th</sup> year and this year we are being proudly sponsored by

## Alexander May

- We are now looking for people willing to display a "for sale" style board supplied by Alexander May advertising the event in prominent places around the local area – we are ideally looking for locations on main roads around Flax Bourton, Backwell, Nailsea, Long Ashton, Failand and Wraxall and also on roads close to all local Primary and Secondary schools in the area. If you, or your neighbours, are happy to have a board up advertising the event for a couple of weeks, please do let your class rep know – thank you!
- Posters and parentmails with further details will be coming out shortly.

\* **Christmas Disco – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December (KS1 – 3.30p.m.- 5.30p.m. / KS2 – 6p.m.-8p.m.)** – please look out for parentmails closer to the time!

## Reminder dates for your DIARY!

Tues 4 <sup>th</sup> Oct	FBSA Meeting – 8pm, The Jubilee – all welcome!
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Flax Film Club 3.30pm-5.15pm
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Quiz night – 8pm, School Hall
Tues 1 <sup>st</sup> Nov	FBSA Meeting – 8pm, The Jubilee – all welcome!
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Flax Family Fireworks 5.30pm
Tues 29 <sup>th</sup> Nov	FBSA Meeting – 8pm, The Jubilee – all welcome!
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> Dec	KS1 and KS2 Christmas Disco

We look forward to starting our 2016/17 fundraising efforts with your support!

*Lisa*

& the FBSA team!