



## FBSA Newsletter 11 – June 2018

Welcome to our latest FBSA Newsletter. Since the last one we have enjoyed some sunshine (!), a lot of cake (from our Maple & Chestnut cake sales and Great Flax Bake Off), and are now turning our thoughts to the final few fundraising weeks of the year ....read on to find out more!

### Thank You!

It's that time of year when I say a huge thank you to everyone. I know I am sometimes guilty of overenthusiasm about our Flax Family (!) but we really do achieve amazing things for such a small school and every £1 we raise makes a real difference to all of our children. So, to my wonderfully talented FBSA team who are all stars (!) and to every single parent, child and teacher who has taken part in our events this academic year, volunteered in any way, donated items and most of all had fun - **THANK YOU!**

Nothing we do could even begin to happen without your support, your involvement makes a real difference and it really is appreciated.

We've had a fabulously successful year fundraising-wise this year (including our successful Tarmac bid we raised £10k in just the autumn term alone!) and I'm really pleased to be able to bring you further news later in the newsletter about some exciting developments we will be supporting the school with going forwards.

Finally I'd just like to say a massive thank you to all our soon-to-be departing Year 6's, both parents and pupils, 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 second-hand stall at the Car Boot Sale on July 15th, that would be massively appreciated!

### Fundraising spend update

Our recent fundraising efforts over the last quarter (including The Great Flax Bake Off) and all the things we have planned in for the remainder of the year (see later in

the newsletter!), mean we have been able to support our school in lots of different ways.

At Easter we treated all the children to gifts and Reception / KS1 to an egg-hunt; we have used funds towards our Year 6 Leavers gifts (who all look fab in their hoodies!); we have bought new gazebos for both FBSA and school use; we are funding Growth Mindset magnets which will be sent home for all families; and we have just agreed to support the School with a Zakhele group visit from South Africa next March which will strengthen our international links and see all children being involved in a range of really inspiring workshops. After the build has finished in September we will be looking at improving some of the new areas with additional flowerbeds etc.

*We are also very excited to have formally agreed to support school with the creation of a brand new bespoke website which will be launched this September. We have committed to buy the site and pay for its maintenance for three years from September. As the website is the window into all things Flax, we hope that having a new and improved site, that will be more user-friendly and up-to-date, will be a big improvement for all families both prospective and current at the school – watch this space!*

We're also delighted with the finalised garden project and hope you agree this makes a great addition and outdoor learning area for the school!



**Upcoming events & fundraising activity**

\* **Flax Bags for Life** – Thank you to everyone who has placed an order for our bespoke bags – the children’s drawings are all fab! These will be back and distributed before the end of term.



\* **Flax Film Club** on Fri 6<sup>th</sup> July

- Tickets are now available to reserve (and refreshments to purchase) on our website - [www.pta-events.co.uk/fbsa](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/fbsa)
- We are showing *The Emoji Movie* for KS2 (in the ITC Suite) and *Ferdinand* for Reception / KS1 (in Beech classroom)
- Please ensure you are there to pick your child up by 5.15pm. We look forward to seeing your child there!



\* **KS2 Summer Show**

- Order forms are coming home in book bags shortly for you to order a DVD of the eagerly awaiting KS2 Summer Production – please ensure orders are placed with payment by **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> July** to the school office to ensure we can get these back to you before the end of term!



\* **Ice Cream Sales** – will run every Friday after school for the rest of the term – and on the last day too! Keep cool and enjoy an ice cream for Flax!



\* **Flax Car Boot Sale 15<sup>th</sup> July 12pm-3pm**

- Come and join us for our new fundraiser, our Car Boot Sale to be held at Failand Village Hall! As our school grounds aren’t available for a summer fayre this year, we are going to hold a Car Boot along with some FBSA stalls.
- Car pitches can be reserved on our website - [www.pta-events.co.uk/fbsa](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/fbsa) and cost £10 per car
- Sellers can set-up from 11am and buyers can come along between 12pm-3pm - £1 per person / kids go free!
- We’ll also have refreshments, kids craft, tombola, second-hand school uniform etc
- **If anyone has any clean second-hand uniform in good condition they can donate for the stall please bring it into school by Fri 13<sup>th</sup> July**
- **N.B. We are holding a dress-down day in school on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> July in return for a wrapped bottle for our ever popular Secret Bottle Tombola at the sale!**

Please do invite friends, family, neighbours and colleagues to the sale – we’re hoping to make this a really lovely community event!

**Reminder dates for your DIARY!**

Fridays and Last Day Of Term	Ice Cream Sales
Friday July 6 <sup>th</sup>	Flax Film Night
Friday July 13 <sup>th</sup>	Dress Down Day – Bottle donation
Sunday July 15 <sup>th</sup>	Car Boot Sale
Tuesday September 18 <sup>th</sup>	First FBSA meeting of the new academic year – 8pm, The Jubilee – all welcome!



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**& the FBSA team!**