



Friends of Wroxton (FOW)

FOW Newsletter

Your PTFA needs you!

Welcome to the February FOW newsletter!

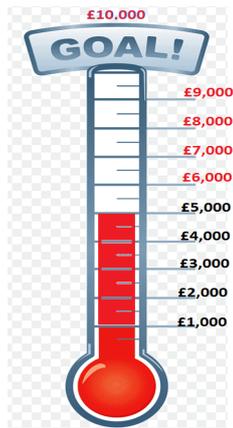
Happy New Year from FOW!

What is the update on our current fundraising?

The main focus for our current fundraising is on new large outdoor play equipment, which will benefit all of the pupils.

We have a target figure of £10k and at the moment, we have

raised an amazing.... £5,000!



Do I need to commit to FOW?

There is no pressure to commit to everything, as we all lead busy lives!

But if lots of people offer to help out, then the workload is spread and more of us can enjoy the brilliant events.

How do I find out more?

Please come to the next FOW meeting, speak to Mrs. Ruffle,



Kerri Grant (Kites parent), or one of the members listed on the next page.

You can also request to join the Facebook group:



"Friends of Wroxton PTA"

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1277802972633584/>

DISCO!

After a long break, it is finally Spring School Disco time!

We have been able to secure a very popular local DJ and children's entertainer to host the disco, so we hope that lots of the children will be able to attend.

Thursday 17th February, in the school hall.

Entry will be via the main school entrance, then please collect your children via the Falcons classroom door.

Timings for the evening:

Eagles / Kestrels classes will be **5:50pm - 7pm.**

Kites / Falcons classes will be **7:15pm - 8:30pm.**

Cost of entry is £2, which will include a drink, a packet of crisps and a glow stick.

Extra glow sticks will be available to buy at the disco, for 20p each (as these have been very popular in the past!)



If any parents wish to stay and help, please let Mrs. Ruffle or a FOW member know.

If Covid restrictions change, the disco will have to be run in 4 class bubbles and timings will be altered.

We will also be holding a Summer School Disco on Friday 20th May. Details will follow nearer to this event.

Upcoming events calendar

Tuesday 8th—Thursday 10th February

Please bring in donations for the Pre-Loved Uniform sale.



Monday 14th February

Pre-Loved Uniform sale, 3pm. By the Kestrels Classroom, or in the hall, if bad weather.

Wednesday 16th February

Non-Uniform Day!

£1, no theme!

Thursday 17th February

Rags2Riches4Schools.

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School Disco! £2, glow sticks

available to buy at 20p each.

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Kites/Falcons classes: 7:15pm - 8:30pm

Wednesday 2nd March

Next FOW meeting, 7pm, Kestrels classroom.

All are invited to attend.

Friday 25th March

Easter Bingo.

More details to follow.

Friday 20th May

School Disco!

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How can you help?

• Ideas!

We need lots of fundraising ideas to help our school.

All ideas will be considered!

• Volunteering

If you can spare a little time to attend meetings or help at an event or sale, it would mean things run more smoothly.

Even if it is only once, it will mean that the same people are not doing everything. It is also fun and you get to meet new people from the school family!

Or maybe you have a particular skill set to offer?

• Donations

Pre-loved uniforms, cakes, raffle prizes....

We have lots of events throughout the year that may require different types of donations.

Perhaps your workplace could help too?

• Spread the word

For external events, please ask your family/friends/neighbours/colleagues to come along and support us! Or put up posters and share on Facebook.

Rags2Riches4Schools



17th February – BEFORE SCHOOL

We are participating in the 'Rags2Riches4Schools' scheme, to raise money from clothing/accessory donations and to help the environment and others in the process.

Donated clothes and accessories are sent to Europe, Africa and even further away and are sold at market stalls as affordable items for those in real need of clothing.

Clean and reusable items that can be donated:

Good quality clothes and accessories.

Adults, children's and babies clothing; such as jackets, jumpers, hoodies, trousers, skirts, scarves, gloves, belts, handbags, paired shoes and other footwear etc.

They cannot reuse the following items:

Worn out shoes or clothes, clothes that are wet or have holes in.

Curtains, pillows or duvets, bric-a-brac or books. Personalised items.

Work uniform, School uniform or school sports kit.

If you are unsure what to put in the bags, then:

STOP AND THINK

WOULD SOMEONE ELSE BUY & WEAR IT?

If it isn't something you'd wear out and about yourself or pass on to a friend, then no-one else will want to buy and wear it, so unfortunately it's not reusable and can't go in the bag.

Due to COVID the company are not able to provide bags, so please use your own bags.

Please leave your bags in the coned area on the lay-by, at the bottom of the drive – BEFORE SCHOOL only.

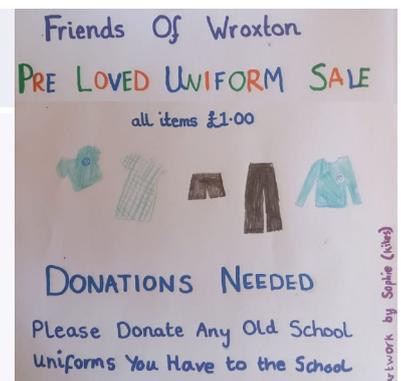
Thank you :)

Pre-Loved Uniform

The next sale will be Monday 14th February, 3pm, outside the Kestrels class.

At the last sale, we had a lot of requests for cardigans.... so if you have any unused ones, please send them into school.

Collection dates: Please hand donations into your class teacher, between Tuesday 8th and Thursday 10th February.



Easyfundraising



Do you shop online?

Did you know that we're registered with easyfundraising and you could help us to raise funds for the school at no extra cost to yourself?

Since our fundraising events are slowly being introduced, this is a great opportunity to keep raising much needed funds for the school. When you shop online, with over 4,100 of your favourite retailers, including John Lewis & Partners, Amazon, eBay, notonthehighstreet, you will raise FREE donations for Wroxton Primary School - Banbury.

If you're not already signed up, it only takes a few minutes, then you can begin using the easyfundraising website or app straightaway - simply shop online as normal. This will be an enormous help to the school, at no extra cost to yourself.

Please visit our [easyfundraising web page](#) to get started:

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/wroxtonprim/?utm_campaign=raise-more&utm_content=s-e2



FOW class representatives:

Eagles: Beth (Aidan's mum)

Kestrels: Marcia (Tom's mum)

Kites: Rachel (Oliver's mum)

Falcons: Catherine (Emma's mum)

Please come and chat to us if you have any ideas, if you would like more information, or would like to volunteer in any way.

Or request to join our Facebook group: "Friends of Wroxton PTA".



Christmas Reports (seems so long ago already!)

Round Table Santa Float



*On a cold and drizzly December night,
The 'Banbury Cross Round Table Santa Float' took flight,
In our high vis, we really were a sight,
All round the streets of Upper Hardwick.*

*There were lots of Wroxton collectors, both old and new,
Singing along, collecting 'til our hands were blue!*

*We saw quite a lot of people that we knew,
All round the streets of Upper Hardwick.*

*We walked and some pupils skipped by the light of the moon,
Spreading Christmas cheer and singing a Christmas tune,
Santa kept dancing and it was over too soon,*

Thanks to the streets of Upper Hardwick.
- Anon

Thank you to "our Santa" and our brilliant team of collectors!

Unfortunately, we do not know the total amount raised yet, but we will let you know when we receive the figure!



Future events—watch this space!

The following events are in the pipeline....

- Quiz Nights
- 'Food from around the World'
- School Discos (Summer terms)
- Easter Bingo
- More non-school uniform or 'Break the Rules' days
- Loose change
- Summer fete, with Queen's Jubilee
- Year 6 Leavers — hoodies and meal

Maybe a future event could be something that YOU suggest?

School Christmas Fair



Covid threw a lot of difficult challenges at us when we were planning the Christmas Fair. In the end, it still went ahead, but we had to move most of the stalls outside.

However, it was one of the most popular Christmas Fairs we have had over the years....

Thanks to you all, we raised an incredible **£1,271!**

A big "shout out" to all of the brilliant volunteers who helped set up/ prepare, wrapped bottles, ran stalls, sold raffle tickets, made items, donated items etc. and huge thanks to a certain 'Father Hickmas' and his elf!



Next Meeting: Wednesday 2nd March, 7pm, in the Kestrels Classroom