



Friends Of St Marys

FOSM Winter Term Newsletter

"Making School A Community"
Charity Number 1182962

We hope everyone had a lovely half term and are back in the swing of things. There is so much to look forward to this term, not only all things Christmas but the official opening of our new Woodland area.

We hope you can join us and make this term a magical one!



Woodland Official Launch 15th December

Please join us after drop off to have a look around and see the new additions and what a wonderful space this is. We hope the local Newspaper will be with us for this very worthy news story!

Christmas Fair Friday 8th December 3.30-5.50pm

This is THE FOSM event of the year and we are working hard to bring you all the events and stalls that you all love to see! It's a perfect time to have a sort out before more toys arrive at home and we are looking for the following donations please;



- ★ **Pre loved Christmas Clothing, Toys & Books** - Goes without saying please only donate items that you would be happy to take home yourself, clean and washed.
- ★ **Tombola** - Anything goes here! Chocolate, wine, candles and why not regift that gift that you got last Christmas before Auntie Sue comes round and sees you've not used it!
- ★ **Jars for the Jarbola** - The Children LOVE these and have asked for them again this year. What's a Jarbola we hear you ask? Get an empty glass jar, wash it out, remove any labels and fill it with any treats you wish. Here are a few ideas - sweets, make up, craft things, stationery (pencil, rubbers, pens etc. or a small soft toy). Each Jar is then given a raffle ticket to be a prize.
- ★ **Raffle Donations** - we have emailed over 50 local companies so far to help with this year's raffle and we have some fab prizes but can you donate anything or can the business you work for donate anything?
- ★ **Cakes or Mince Pies** - Baked or bought they all taste delicious!



Extra Christmas Fun Dates For Your Diary!



Painting Pots - Paint a Christmas Tree Decoration

Painting pots will be joining us after school on Tuesday 28th November for any children that would like to paint a Christmas Tree Decoration. These make wonderful gifts for Christmas with that extra special personalised touch. Cost is £10 per decoration and book bag slips will be going out this week to book a space. Tea & Coffee for adults will be available 😊

Christmas Wreath Workshop - Monday 11th December

The lovely River & Rose Florists will be putting on this year's Wreath Workshop. Price is £40 and includes everything you will need as well as a drink on arrival and mince pies. This is such a lovely evening and really gets you in the Christmas spirit! To secure your place please pop your money in an envelope with your name on and hand to Jane in the office by Friday 1st December.



Other ways you can support FOSM!

YES! A super easy way to support is by signing up to EasyFundraising. How does it work? They turn your daily shopping into every day magic! Easyfundraising partners with over 7,000 brands who will donate part of what you spend to a cause of your choice. It won't cost you any extra. The cost is covered by the brand and Friends of St Marys is registered as a cause. To sign up please visit and have a read, it couldn't be easier and every penny really does add up. <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/support-a-good-cause>

Amount raised so far in 2023/2024

Thank you to everyone that came along to the Autumn Stay & Play, donated to cake sales and our FOSM Dress Down Day. So far this academic year we have raised £354.74! Whoop!



We need you!

Simply put, we need more people to help, we can't do it alone. Can you offer to join the FOSM? The success of the FOSM is purely down to the helpers, whether you can help a lot or a little your contribution would make a big difference!

Date For The Diary	FOSM Event
Tuesday 28th November 3.30-4.30	Painting Pot - Paint a Christmas Tree Decoration
Wednesday 6th December	Last Day for Christmas Fair Donations
Friday 8th December 3.30-5.30	CHRISTMAS FAIR
Monday 11th December 7pm	Christmas Wreath Making

As always we thank you for your continued support!
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