



School Year 2019/20 Round Up

When we started the school year as your new Team FONDS our goal was to raise funds for our school as well as arranging fun social events throughout the year for children and adults alike. Fast forward to now, who could have predicted the momentous change and challenges we have all faced since March, not only in our personal lives but in school and work lives too.

As the school year is coming to an end, we want to take this opportunity to say a **massive thank you** to each and every one of you who have baked, donated, promoted & volunteered to enable us to have a successful year. It is truly heart-warming that our school community comes together with a common goal of raising money to fund improvements for our children's school. Check out what we have been able to achieve with your support:

The 2019/20 events:

Teas on the Green
Coin Challenge
Christmas Shopping Evening
Children's Christmas Fair
Christmas Disco
Mulled wine & mince pies at Christmas Performances
Monthly Pre-Loved Uniform Sale
Break the Rules Day
Story Writing Competition

The 2019/20 spend:

New interactive screen & projector for the Brockham school hall
PSHE programme for all years (jigsawpshe.com)
Replaced the playground benches at Leigh and Betchworth
Brand new KS2 football kit

New School Year 2020/21

Moving into the new school year it is important that we continue to understand how much the pandemic has financially affected so many families and that not everyone is in a position to donate money. Money is not the only way you can help and support your school, why not volunteer your time and/or skills at one of our events. We are always on the lookout for new ideas and feedback from parents, carers & teachers and would love to hear from you. We want to make next year even more successful, financially and socially, and although we will have to tailor the events to ensure we follow social-distancing guidelines, we really want the children to experience lots of fun events and activities whilst raising money for their school.

We will let you know in the new term what we will be raising money for.

Super important, very interesting section that you most definitely want to read and cannot afford to skip!

If you are interested in joining Team FONDS, or maybe you just want to find out a bit more about what our plans are for next year then why not join us at our PTA AGM in the first half term (date and location tbc). This will be our first official meeting of the school year - sounds

daunting huh, don't worry it's a great way to meet other parents and teachers over a glass of Prosecco! We will also have more 'relaxed' FONDS meetings in the pub throughout the year.

We also have our FONDS WhatsApp group where we share ideas, ask for feedback, organise events and generally have a good chinwag. Please do get in contact with us if you would like to be added @fonds@northdowns.surrey.sch.uk

To keep up to date with FONDS events and initiatives, head over to our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/friendsofnorthdownsschool/>

Even more important and interesting than the section above – please read

So who skipped the section above??!! 😂

A little keepsake for your little ones!

As parents we would never have thought our children would have had to cope with these challenging times especially not being with their classmates for over 4 months. In the absence of class photos we wanted to give each child a downloadable keepsake of their class - these have been sent out via your class rep (thank you!) however if you did not receive one please contact FONDS @ fonds@northdowns.surrey.sch.uk and we will be happy to email one directly to you.

Finally....

We cannot believe we made it through our first year, phew! Although it is not over just yet... we now have the fun task of sorting out the FONDS shed during the summer holidays and we have no clue what will be lurking inside as it hasn't been opened for 5 months. Eww! Any volunteers??!! Just kidding 😊

We wish you and your families a safe, relaxing and enjoyable summer break – we look forward to seeing you all in September.

Abbi, Cassie, Dan and all of Team FONDS