



# Newsletter

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## Dear Parents, Carers and Children

This week brought the introduction of our online appointments for Parent Teacher Consultations. A huge thank you to Mrs Barrett and Mrs Knapp for all their hard work putting everything into place in order to make it as successful as possible. We still have some appointments scheduled for next week but once this cycle of 'meetings' is complete we will be writing to parents again to ask for feedback with regards to this new system and whether or not we continue to use it for future appointments.

### Children in Need

Thank you so much for your generous contribution towards Children in Need last week. Your collection now totals £330.

### Music Instrumental Lessons.

It is so encouraging to be able to continue instrumental lessons as normal in school, especially when times are so tough for all those working in the creative arts sector. All the teachers from Surrey Arts are back in school delivering lessons in piano, guitar, brass, strings and woodwind. Some of the teachers have spaces in their timetables for new pupils so do please contact the school for further information or contact Surrey arts directly (via <https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/culture-and-leisure/arts>) if your child is interested in any instrument but especially in woodwind or brass where there are available slots.

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### Anti-Bullying Week

This week is National Anti-Bullying Week and the theme of which this year is 'United Against Bullying'. Throughout the week we have been taking part in the activities through special whole school and class assemblies and PSHE & Jigsaw sessions.

### Christmas Lunch and Jumper Day

Our children's traditional Christmas school lunch/jumper day will be held on **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December**, when they will be either having roast chicken or vegetarian Quorn sausage cracker. Unfortunately, due to current circumstances, we are **unable** to open up the Christmas Lunch to those children that currently bring in a packed lunch. However, on the same day we will also be holding our traditional Jumper Day for all children, so please send your child into school wearing their bright and colourful jumpers.

### End of Term Christmas Show

It is usual for us, at this time in the term, to be well into our rehearsal schedule for the Christmas productions. However this year, as I am sure you understand, these events will not take place. However, it wouldn't be Christmas without a little bit of celebration in school and to that end we are putting together a little something which will be made available to parents via Streams at the end of term. We hope this will go some way to spreading some much needed Christmas cheer for us all. More details to follow.

# FONDS News

It has been a busy term for Team FONDS - dealing with the challenges of fundraising during Covid!

Thank you for your continued support, it is hugely appreciated and making a HUGE difference.

## A BIG THANK YOU!

Bags 2 School raised £210

Christmas Cards - £375 to date

FONDS 5K Challenge - £435 to date

Thanks to your support we have purchased FIVE new school laptops this term. This has enabled teachers to conduct online parents evenings and support towards remote learning! AMAZING!

## OUR NEXT PROJECTS

The children are going to miss out this year on all the usual Christmas fun... FONDS are keen to give them a little treat and are planning "Christmas Movie Afternoons" at the end of term.

We are also looking to raise money for more outdoor furniture at all sites, as well as funding new reading/phonics books for all of KS1.

**WE UNDERSTAND THAT TIMES ARE HARD AT THE MOMENT BUT WE REALLY NEED YOUR SUPPORT TO MAKE IT HAPPEN.**

## FONDS 5K CHALLENGE

Thank you so much to everyone who has taken part in the 5k challenge.

There is still time to get involved!

Closing date 29th November.

Winner receives £50 voucher or fitbit!

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/friendsofnorthdowns>

## WHAT'S UP NEXT?

"FUNKY SOCKS AND CRAZY HAIR DAY"  
FRIDAY 27TH NOVEMBER £1 via Scopay

"Virtual Christmas Shopping Event"

Our christmas shopping event is going online! <https://www.facebook.com/groups/3455605751182466/> (Live from

Monday 23rd November). You can Christmas shop from the comfort of your sofa 😊

ONLINE CHRISTMAS RAFFLE.....coming soon. Tickets will be available online!



**STAY SAFE  
TEAM FONDS  
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