

Friends of Smarden Primary

Hi Everyone!

FOSP was very excited to see your happy faces at our school gates last week!

A shout out to Mrs Miller and her on point team of fabulous staff who have gone way and beyond to help ensure our children are now safely back on their path of learning!

What a year! Can we talk about it?! Yes!! Si!! Oui!! We certainly can - well the first 6 months that is!

A gigantic heap of giggles, toilet roll fights, dance offs, sing offs, run your heart out offs, a few barrels of mulled wine, a never ending thread of candyfloss, some seriously heartfelt one to ones with the big man Santa, a winning set of wardrobe doors into Narnia with one smashing wicked white witch – all hard, back breaking graft and of course - moolla for our favourite school!

Even though we only had 6 months of fundraising time, our ever growing team of helpers pulled out all the stops to ensure it was a memorable start to the school year. A few memories and highlights to remind us of the fun times over the last academic year. Good effort team FOSP!

HALLOWEEN TORTUROUS TEA



FOSP decided to try something a little different this year and provided a Torturous Tea for the children. A delicious menu of sausage mummies, spider web pizzas, Frankenstein fingers and some pretty torturous desserts all proved very popular! Followed by a dance off, fancy dress competition, mummy making games and some pretty awesome goodie bags, I think it's safe to say, it was a spooky success!

SMARDEN SPECTACULAR – SMARDEN PRIMARY FLOAT - THE LION, THE WITCH & THE WARDROBE



The Smarden Spectacular float procession is always very exciting! After rebuilding the float twice due to torrential storms, FOSP finally managed to complete the Narnia themed float. Adults and children alike were very excited to take part and of course very excited and proud to be awarded with 1st place by the panel of judges!

CHRISTMAS LIGHT FESTIVAL FAIR



The Smarden Christmas Light Festival Fair in our school hall was a tremendous success! Mulled wine and candy floss being a top favourite!

SANTA'S GROTTO & CHRISTMAS CAROLS



After the success of the FOSP Narnia float, we decided that we weren't ready to banish it to the farmyard just yet! Instead we transformed it into Santa's Grotto, just in time for a very special visit! The choir sang their hearts out and also helped Santa with the countdown to the very exciting Smarden Christmas Lights switch on.

CHRISTMAS TREE



The Christmas tree arranged and purchased by FOSP for the school was a real whopper this year! We hope it got you into the Christmas spirit!

CHRISTMAS GIFT FAIR



A great tradition and something we all enjoy! The Christmas Elves (AKA FOSP and parent volunteers) guided each child through the stalls, carefully selecting, wrapping and labelling each gift chosen by your child for them to take home with them - all ready to place under the Christmas Tree!

SANTA DASH



Always a muddy affair, the Santa Dash was once again a brilliant success. Each child was awarded a customised medal and provided fruit and a chocolate treat for taking part.

VALENTINES DAY

A Valentine's Day Cake Sale and Raffle brought great excitement to the School on Valentines Day!



WORLD BOOK DAY BREAKFAST



A story with Mum and/or Dad and breakfast provided by FOSP, what a perfect start to the day!

EASTER



Easter @ school was rudely interrupted by Covid, so FOSP delivered your eggs just in time to go home on the last day. We hope the children enjoyed them!

SCHOOL LEAVERS HOODIES



Unfortunately, due to Covid, the Year 6 Leavers Party at Flipout had to be cancelled. Instead, FOSP sponsored personalised hoodies for all the Year 6 pupils. FOSP wish each and every one of them the best ever adventure ahead! We will miss you!

So those were just a few of the events that we squeezed into 6 months!

A disappointing pause in fundraising for FOSP, means we are ready and rearing to get going again!

If you would like to get involved and join our little army of Mums and Dads helping to raise money for our School please do let me know! We always need more hands, new ideas and help!

A huge thank you to Mrs Miller, the FOSP team, teachers & staff of Smarden Primary and of course parents for supporting us throughout the year. We can't do what we do without you so please get involved!

Look for me at the gates to find out more!

Over and out!



Lesa, Chairman of FOSP