

# Friends of St Peter's

## AGM

### All Welcome

### Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> March

### 8pm

### All Bar One

## Come along & help make a difference!



# FOSP Spring News



The snow has gone (again) and the daffodils are up!

**This Spring Term also brings the Friends of St Peter's Annual General Meeting on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> March at All Bar One, 8pm. We will be voting in a new chair, vice chair, secretary and treasurer as well as re-electing members who are staying on and voting in new members, reviewing the last year's events and making plans for the year ahead.**

We'll keep the formal part brief (no more than 30 minutes), followed by a fun social evening, finding out more about what you would like to see FOSP doing to help all our children.

FOSP plays a vital part in the school community so ALL parents/guardians/staff, are invited to support the AGM. This is your chance to hear and see how the funds you have helped to raise have been used for the benefit of the pupils at our school.

The AGM is also an opportunity for you to elect the new FOSP Committee who will then represent FOSP over the next year. If you would like get involved with FOSP by standing as chair, vice chair, secretary, treasurer or simply as a committee member, please contact Sarah Byrne, the current Chair of FOSP ([sarah.w.byrne@gmail.com](mailto:sarah.w.byrne@gmail.com)), before the AGM. Please turn over for more information about why we need your help.

FOSP has recently funded Event T-shirts for the Gym Club, a new shelf for the trophies in the front hall, tickets for the whole school to attend the Christmas Panto in 2017 (and will do the same in December 2018) and there are lots of exciting requests in the pipeline.

This has only been possible because of your support at FOSP events including the Pancake Race, Summer Ball, End of Term Summer Disco, Halloween Disco, Infant Story Night, Movie Night and Christmas Fair and the hard work of the FOSP Committee.



## THANK YOU!



From all the FOSP committee: Sarah Byrne, Olivia Thompson, Jane Bath, Fiona Barker, Melanie Oliver, Clare Wilde, Helen Dunlop, Amy Treetops, Lucy Wright, Anyta Vance, Katy James, Debbie Spedding, David Jackson & Antonia Sigtryggdottir

## 10 reasons why we need your help!

As parents, you are AUTOMATICALLY a member of FOSP... your voice counts.

FOSP depends on a continual cycle of parent involvement. As children reach their final year and leave, so do their parents. The teachers and head support us when possible, but without all your support, we have no FOSP – **WE REALLY DO NEED YOU.**

FOSP is a mixture of parents that work together for the benefit of St Peter's. Some are full-time parents, some work part-time or work full-time. NONE of us are specialists in fundraising.

Taking an active role with FOSP is critical to your children's success, so we've compiled a list of 10 reasons why helping FOSP will greatly improve your child's experience of school.

### 1. You are vital to the success of the school

- ✓ Schools are becoming more and more dependent on their PTAs for funds.
- ✓ Without the funds raised by FOSP, your child would not get the benefits of the new playground markings, the pirate ship, free pantomime trip at Christmas and much more!

### 2. It's TOTALLY flexible!

- ✓ There are a variety of small ways you can help and be involved – from designing a poster, cleaning up after an event, helping out on a stall...so many ways.
- ✓ Giving up just 30 minutes of your time to help FOSP is invaluable. If everyone could spare 30 minutes a term to help, just think what we could achieve!
- ✓ You don't have to attend meetings – you can use our contact details to send in ideas for discussion.

### 3. You'll feel more connected

- ✓ There's no better way to know what events are being planned, have your say or make new fundraising suggestions, than by offering your help and support.
- ✓ You'll get to know teachers and support staff on a more familiar basis.

### 4. You'll be part of a great network

- ✓ Every FOSP event is an opportunity to meet other parents in the same situation as you.
- ✓ You will be part of a like-minded network of people who all share a common goal of improving the school for all our children.

### 5. Make a difference

- ✓ By volunteering to help FOSP, you'll be able to use whatever skills you have for a noble cause.
- ✓ FOSP strive to establish a supportive and encouraging community for the entire school.

### 6. We're not just for mums!

- ✓ It's important to FOSP, our school and our pupils to have dads represented on our committee and to help reach out to other dads.
- ✓ Are you a dad with a skill that would come in useful - DIY, gardening or baking?

### 7. Be a role model

- ✓ By getting involved with FOSP, you'll show your children that not only are they important to you, but their education is as well.
- ✓ Your children will see you playing an active part in making their education more varied.
- ✓ Getting involved illustrates good teamwork and community spirit.

### 8. What FOSP does affects every parent (and pupil)

- ✓ Your voice matters – FOSP is made up of people elected to represent you, so help us to do this effectively.
- ✓ Your ideas and involvement can help improve the quality of education for all the children at our school.
- ✓ See the smiles on their faces and know that you have played a part in making school a little more comfortable and fun!

### 9. It's fun!

- ✓ Help plan fun events, socials and get-togethers
- ✓ Suggest NEW fun ways to raise funds
- ✓ Get your whole family involved!

### 10. Finally...

Our children are only at school for a relatively short time. FOSP events such as the Christmas Fair, Halloween Disco and End of Year Summer Party will be remembered fondly by our children for a lifetime. The equipment and resources FOSP helps fund, make learning even more engaging. Help us continue to create lasting memories for our children as without a FOSP committee none of these events would happen. We hope to see you at the AGM. Thank you.