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Everyone is a gift and everyone is gifted

Wednesday 19th January 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Friends of Twineham School (FoTS). Hello, Welcome, and activities for Spring/ Summer 2022!

We wanted to give you all a little insight into the mysterious world of FoTS, to see what we are up to and what we do!

FoTS (Friends of Twineham School) is our school's PTA (Parent Teacher Association) and is an actual registered charity. The reasons we have a PTA are many: It is a great way of getting to know other families and staff whilst making a real contribution to the quality of school life for all.

Fund raising for all those extra things at Twineham is as equally important as our children taking part in the variety of FoTS events themselves, whilst improving the school, and building our community inside and outside the school. All in all, it's a good thing so we urge families to feel included and get involved.

FoTs had our first meeting of 2022 last Thursday at the Royal Oak in Wineham, which marked the standing down of Julia Pattenden as Chair for the last 4 years (thank you Julia!!) and a new joint leadership of Becca Laurence (mother of Elfina in Reception, Mimi in year 3, and Ludo in year 4), and Sherri Tai-Chidlow (mother of Frankie in Reception, Lonnie in year 4 and Elwood in year 6).

See photo of their smiling faces at the recent school trip to the Royal Albert Hall. We thank these brave souls for taking on the role.

At the meeting, we discussed the activities, which FoTS hope to organise in 2022, which include:











| February | ✓ New Parents Social – ALL parents at the school are very welcome ✓ (Friday 4thFeb <u>at 8pm</u>, Royal Oak Pub, Wineham) ✓ Parents' Social and Quiz Night (<u>Friday 11th February</u>) |
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| | ✓ Valentine's Cake Sale (Monday 14th February) |
| April | ✓ Easter egg hunt ✓ Welly Walk |
| May | ✓ Young Entrepreneurs |
| June | ✓ Summer Fair |
| July | ✓ End of Term Summer Party |

Plus a few other cake sales and second hand uniform sales scattered about for good measure.

We would love all parents to get involved. We welcome help with any of the activities, if you have any expertise / contacts / enthusiasm in anything, there are always opportunities, for example pulling pints at the quiz night, clearing the path ready for the welly walk, or lending equipment or running a stand the summer fair. The list is endless and we are open to all and any new and exciting ideas.

Even if you feel you have little to offer, just your presence, support and enthusiasm would be very welcome!!

We will be welcoming ALL parents to the 'new parents meeting' on the evening of Friday 4thFebruary, <u>8pm</u> at the Royal Oak, Wineham This is for people to find out more about FoTS and come along and meet some other Twineham parents new and old.

We also have some exciting projects in the pipeline, including a new outdoor eco classroom to be built for forest school activities and as a community area for Twineham Village, which again we would welcome anyone with any interest / expertise in helping to get involved!

We would love to hear your thoughts, feedback or ideas on any of the above, or if you can help in any way, please get in touch with Becca or Sherri at <u>fots@email.com</u> Thank you!

Team FoTS

Trainee Teachers this term

We are pleased to welcome three trainee teachers from the University of Brighton:

- Miss Ingram (Buttercups) full-time from 24 January 2022 to 30 March 2022
- Miss Bye (Oakwood) full-time from 24 January 2022 to 25 March 2022
- Miss Flint (Poppy) full-time from 24 January 2022 to 25 March 2022

As always, teaching and learning remains the responsibility of Class Teachers. We value the fresh enthusiasm and expertise of our trainees from the University of Brighton, enabling us to reflect and develop our educational practice for the benefit of the pupils. The extra support is invaluable in a small school and we are dedicated to supporting the profession.

Our trainees attended school today for an induction day and a chance to meet the children and staff. Miss Ingram, Miss Bye and Miss Flint will begin their placements from next Monday 24th January, supporting groups of children and taking on a small percentage of class teaching to begin with, all supervised and supported by our experienced teachers who are also trained mentors. Please contact us with any questions.

Jasper's Donut Sale: this Friday 21st January from 3pm

Jasper (Willow Class) is raising money for a special orphanage in South Africa for children age 2-18 called Melkbos Care Centre. Jasper's family are very close with this charity as they used to help there when they lived in South Africa. They receive nothing from the Government to run and care for the children.

The link below tells you a bit more about it: https://melkboscarecentre.org/



Thank you so much! It really is a fantastic cause - we take for

granted everything we can give our children - in South Africa just a lollypop or even cake is the biggest treat.

Donuts will be £1 each – please remember to bring £1 coins on Friday!

Below is a picture Jasper's family took near to Melkbos Care Centre showing Table Mountain:



Non-uniform day for Cancer Research UK: Friday 4th February 2022

On Friday 4th February, we want to raise money for a special cause. Children can wear purple, pink or blue non-uniform for the day, in exchange for a donation of at least £1 to Cancer Research UK. Donations will be online – we will send details soon.



Shrove Tuesday: 1st March

Chartwells

REGULATOR

Chartwells have a special menu for Pancake Day, please visit <u>www.mealselector.co.uk</u> to book meals for pupils in Years 3-6:

PANCAKE DAY Tuesday 1st March 2022

ook online and view the full menu at

<u>www.Mealselector.co.uk</u>



Health For Kids – help for parents to support children's health and well-being



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| Friday 21st January | ✓ 3pm Jasper's Charity Donut Sale - £1 each! |
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| Monday 24 th January | Trainee Teachers start placements in Oakwood, |
| | Buttercups and Poppy |
| Friday 4 th February | Non-uniform: purple, pink or blue to raise money for |
| | Cancer Research UK |
| | 8pm New Parents FOTS Social at The Royal Oak |
| Friday 11 th February | FOTS Parents' Social and Quiz Night |
| Monday 14 th February | ✓ FOTS Valentine's Cake Sale |
| Tuesday 15 th to Friday 18 th | Oakwood Class residential trip to Bowles |
| February | |
| Monday 21 st February | ✓ Half-term break |
| Tuesday 1 st March | Shrove Tuesday – Chartwells Pancake Day Menu |
| Friday 1st April | ✓ FOTS Welly Walk |
| Friday 8 th April | ✓ Last day before Easter Holidays |
| Monday 25 th April | ✓ 1 st day of Summer Term |
| Monday 2 nd May | ✓ Bank Holiday |
| Monday 30 th May | ✓ Half-term break |
| Monday 6 th June | ✓ School closed for INSET |
| Friday 8 th July | ✓ School closed for INSET |
| Friday 15 th July | ✓ Festival of Sport: a day to celebrate being active with |
| | climbing, tennis, cricket, archery and more! |
| Thursday 21 st July | ✓ Last day of school year |
| Friday 22 nd July | Additional day off school to honour Queen's Platinum |
| | Jubilee during June half-term. |

Kind regards,

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Scott Reece, Headteacher