

So good to be back! And a huge welcome to our new Year 3 families. Whichever infant school your children may have arrived from, you'll find that the junior site Parents and Friends Association may work slightly differently to that of your infant school. Our current Chair is our Headmistress, Miss Whitbourn, which means we can immediately understand how and where the school might want our help – both in terms of volunteering our time, or fundraising for the latest wow project.

PFA Meeting 7.30pm 28th September on ZOOM

Join us on zoom, listen in to current plans and of course, brainstorm new ideas. A chance to pose questions to the current committee and Miss Whitbourn (our Chair). Please email our Secretary Jodie Chambers at Jodiejchambers@hotmail.com, who will liaise with Miss Whitbourn to provide you with joining details. We hope that our next gathering (to finalise Christmas Fair plans) will be held in person on the school premises.

Summer Fundraising

Just before the Summer Holidays we were delighted to support the school with its grand plans to build a two storey extension (located in the courtyard area in the middle of the school) to house our brand new libraries.

Thanks to your generosity we raised in excess of £10,000 through a range of activities including an online auction, class room competitions and the 'Summer Fun' sessions for every child in the school. It was so brilliant to see the children having fun with their friends, playing silly side stall games and thoroughly soaking their teacher in the stocks! Thanks to all the parents who joined in the fun and gave their time to oversee stalls and make it all happen.



What's Next?

The PFA (and infant PTA) teams are formulating plans and events to help bring our school community back together and find our new normal. As well as our extremely important fundraising work (our next challenge is to help furnish the libraries with brand new furniture and books), it's now more important than ever to try and bring parents, children and families back together in environments and activities where they feel comfortable. It's been lovely to see so many of you at our coffee mornings and we hope you've enjoyed the chance to forge new networks and chat to your children's teachers. Our next fundraising event – the Family Quiz – is detailed below.

NB: Another very easy way to raise money for the school at no cost to your family, is to sign up to The Giving Machine. As most of us are doing more and more of our shopping online, we can earn cash for our school by simply clicking on one button. See www.thegivingmachine.co.uk and search for South Farnham School.

PFA plans for Autumn Term

Family Quiz 8th October 7-9pm

We are delighted to bring back our 'Family Quiz'. Teams of 8 (with no more than 5 adults) are best in order to fit round our tables. This hopefully gives you a chance to bring your whole family – or perhaps some of you could team up with friends? We can help you find team members too.

Tickets are £4 for adults and £3 for children.

The staff provide a series of entertaining quiz rounds suitable for the whole family, and the PFA will host a licenced bar and tuck shop selling treats. We will also provide (pre-ordered) pizzas to your table. We will email you next week with more information.

Other dates for your diaries:

Year Group Cake sales (after school)

18 Nov 2021 (Hosted by Yr 6)
27 Jan 2022 (Hosted by Yr 5)
28 Apr 2022 (Hosted by Yr 4)
23 Jun 2022 (Hosted by Yr 3)

SOME PFA PEOPLE YOU MAY KNOW:

Chair of PFA – Esther Whitbourn
Secretary – Jodie Chambers
Treasurer – Claire Benham
Trustees – Alex Chester, Emma Fuller
Class Rep Co-ordinator – Zoe Struth
Key volunteers/Event supporters: Vic Nye, Andy Bishop. MORE HELP NEEDED!

Second Hand Uniform Sales (parents' evenings) 20th and 21st October 2021

Junior site Christmas Fair 27th November 2021 (12.30-3.30pm)



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Just a quick note to mention how COVID is affecting PFA fundraising. We took a steep dip in fundraising capability in early 2020 and all endured the isolation of lock down and home schooling.

With the attempts to get things as back to normal as possible, the PFA team understand that different people will take different steps – some bounding back to events and others tiptoeing in a little more cautiously. We will assess each event we hold and work out ways to maximise ventilation and avoid crowding corridors. For some of you, this may not be enough, but there are other ways for you support the PFA and School and we hope the spring is kind to us and we can enjoy some excellent outdoor school and PFA events together then.

PLEASE CONTACT US WITH ANY IDEAS/COMMENTS ETC AT pfa-juniors@sfet.org.uk

Or join us on Zoom armed with your questions on the 28th! (email Jodiejchambers@hotmail.com to register)

