

FOPPS NEWS!

Keeping up to date with Friends Of Preston Primary School

Welcome Back!

A very warm welcome to all of the new parents, and a huge welcome back to the not so new parents.

As usual, we like to start the year with a little update, and an introduction/reminder of who we are and what we do.

And we can't do a newsletter without mentioning the news that Mr Ord is going to be retiring this year. I'm sure you'll all join us in wishing him well (and being sad to see him go!).



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So Who or What is FOPPS?

Our school PTA (or PTFA in our case) is called FOPPS, which stands for Friends Of Preston Primary School. And everyone is welcome to get involved.

Our job is to enrich school life. And to do this, we raise money by holding all sorts of fundraisers throughout the year. We use this money to run fun things for the kids and creating lasting and wonderful memories, and donate things to the school that they might need.

You don't have to be on the committee to get involved (you can just volunteer for the odd bits and bobs), but we do want committee members and volunteers if anyone is interested in taking an active role! The PTA doesn't happen without our committee volunteers, so please do get in touch if this sounds like something that might interest you.

Any parents, grandparents, carers or responsible adults at our school are welcome to pop along to our meetings (even if you just want to be nosey).

We also have our AGM (Annual General Meeting) on Wednesday 8th November in the school hall, 7-8pm which anyone is also welcome to attend.

Find out more about what we're doing this year on the next page... there's a lot!!!!

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What we have planned this year (so far)!



We always start the year with a list of things we want to do, then we usually add to it or make changes as the year progresses.

Following the success of our Mother's and Father's Day Shops, we're going to run a Christmas version (following the same format) called 'Elfridges. Plus reduced price Panto Tickets for the Princess Theatre. We're also talking about another Xmas Market (although we're not sure what this will exactly be yet, we're still working that out) and another BIG Christmas raffle (contact us if you can donate a prize!). More news on Xmas activities in the next issue after half term.

And following how well it went last year, we're getting Santa to come back to the school to visit the kids!



We're also going to run the usual Mother's and Father's Day shops, Summer Fair and maybe another Krispy Kreme sale or two in the mix. We've been busy coming up with ideas!

The first thing we have happening though is getting the kids to design their own Christmas Cards - watch out in their book bags for info coming any day now (might even be today)!

Be sure to keep an eye on our facebook page for news and updates about all of this and more.

Got any suggestions, or want to get involved? Drop a message to us on our Facebook Page, or pop along to a meeting.

What we did last year

- We paid for Santa to come to school and give every child a gift
- Christmas market
- Gave out Christmas and Easter chocs for all of the kids
- Provided crackers for the Xmas lunch
- Christmas and Easter Raffles
- Ran Mothers' and Father's Day shops in the school hall
- A FREE Halloween trail activity for anyone to join
- Gave all of the children and Easter Egg each
- Paid for a storyteller to come in and entertain the children
- Paid for a theatre company to come in
- Paid for an Author to visit the school
- Coronation Souvenirs Sale (Tea Towels, Mugs etc)
- Family Quiz Night
- Krispy Kreme and Cake sales
- Supplied leavers hoodies and Autograph Books for all year 6's
- and of course, the Summer Fayre.



Phew! Did we miss anything? We'll be doing most of these again this year, plus a few extras. We couldn't do all of this without all of your continued support, so thank you!

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THREE EASY WAYS TO SUPPORT FOPPS!

AND YOU CAN EVEN WIN SOME MONEY!



Part of what we do at FOPPS is to fundraise. The money pays for those magic moments for the children - the gifts and activities, the fairs, the Leavers' Hoodies - and we can help the school buy more books and things they might need too.

Here are three easy ways you can help us raise money:

1.

You can raise FREE donations for us EVERY time you shop online. Just use easyfundraising! Over 7,000 brands will donate, including all the big names like John Lewis & Partners, BT, Expedia, Argos, ASOS, Just Eat, Uswitch and many more! Please support us:

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/foppstorquay/>

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2.

Join the School Lottery, a nation-wide lottery that aims to raise money for PTAs. We've had loads of winners (we've all won a tenner here and there!) And you could win up to £25,000! Tickets cost just £1 and 40% of sales goes to FOPPS. Sign up to the lottery now at: www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/play and search for **Preston Primary School**



3.

This last one is a TOTALLY FREE way to support us. The more people that like, comment and share our Facebook posts, the more our FOPPS posts will appear in your feed, so you won't miss out on what's going on. Please do drop us a like, share or comment, it really will help spread the word of what's going on.

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Raffle Prizes!

We're starting to collect prizes for our Christmas Raffle, so please get in touch if you can help. Last year our Xmas and Easter raffles raised close to £1000 each!

FOPPS EVENTS CALENDAR

As we continue to plan more events and activities, we'll be updating this calendar in each newsletter.

Sept

12th Sept
FOPPS Meeting

28th Sept
M and M Productions Visit

Oct

Thurs 12th Oct
FOPPS Meeting

6th October
Christmas Cards Launched

20th Oct
Christmas Cards Order
Deadline

Nov

8th Nov
FOPPS Annual General Meeting
(school hall, anyone welcome)

Dec

4th Dec
FOPPS BIG Xmas Raffle
Launch

8th Dec
FOPPS Xmas Market
Santa visiting School

14th Dec
'Elfridges

18th Dec
FOPPS BIG Xmas Raffle Draw

TBC

The following list shows
things we are discussing for
this term but not yet
confirmed

Parent Social
Panto Tickets
Pumpkin Carving Competition
Bag2School (clothes recycling)

2024

6th March
Mother's Day Gift Shop

13th June
Father's Day Gift Shop

5th July
Summer Fair

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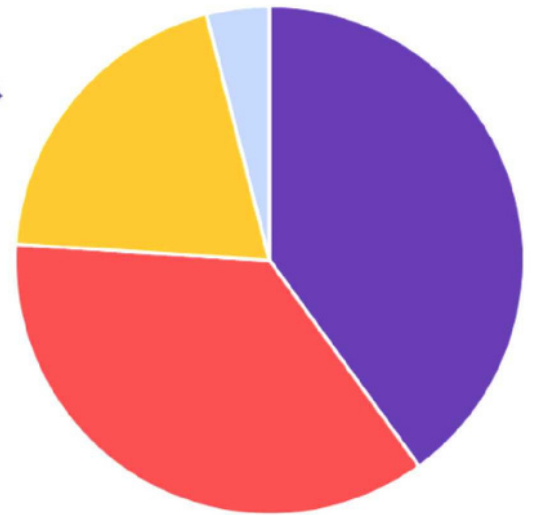
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- 40p** goes to our school
- 36p** goes to cash prizes
- 20p** goes to admin costs
- 4p** goes to VAT

How it works...

It's simple—choose 6 numbers between 0-9 and if they match the weekly lottery draw, you win great prizes. One of our players will win a cash prize every week, maybe even the £25k jackpot! Tickets cost just £1 per week and the proceeds are donated to Preston Primary School

Every Saturday at 8pm the numbers are drawn and posted online. Winners are notified by email and winnings paid into the account of your choice.

The easiest way to join our lottery is online at YourSchoolLottery.co.uk by direct debit or debit card.

It's so easy to join and will make a real difference to Preston Primary School

The Maths... 100 tickets sold a week means
= £30 weekly cash prize
= £2,080 a year for our school



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