

FOPPS NEWS!

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Welcome Back!

It feels like the summer holidays never happened already, doesn't it? It's great to be back, and to all the new faces who have joined the school, a very warm Welcome!!

We thought we'd start the year with a little update, and an introduction/reminder of who we are and what we do.



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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.

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What we have planned this year (so far)!

We've already started thinking about things we're going to organise this year.

So far, we've got discounted Princess Theatre Panto Tickets arranged (more info on our Facebook Page!!). We're also talking about Xmas and Summer Fayres, Krispy Kreme sales, Mother's and Father's Day shops, and so much more!

And we have lots of donations already for raffle prizes for this Christmas, so that will definitely be happening (who wouldn't want to win a load of gifts for Xmas?)

Got any suggestions, or want to get involved? Drop a message to us on our Facebook Page, or pop along to our AGM in November (date will be announced via text and Facebook).



What we did last year

Last year, we were a newly formed PTA still finding our feet, but we still managed to do some brilliant things at the school.

We gave out Christmas and Easter chocs for all of the kids, provided crackers for the Xmas lunch, a huge Christmas Raffle, donated trees for the driveway, ran Mothers' and Father's Day shops in the school hall, a free Easter trail activity for anyone to join, paid for a storyteller to come in and entertain the children, Easter raffle, Krispy Kreme and Cake sales, supplied leavers hoodies for all year 6's, and of course, the Summer Fayre. Phew! Did we miss anything?



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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.

When you shop using Amazon, they'll donate money to FOPPS! It's free for you and is an easy way to raise funds for us! And with Black Friday and Xmas on the way, Amazon gets used a lot! - so please choose FOPPS as your AmazonSmile charity of choice. To do this, please see the 'how to' at the end of this newsletter or check out our Facebook page!



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 raffle raised close to £600 and our Easter raffle close to £800!



Signing up to AmazonSmile using the Amazon app on your phone:

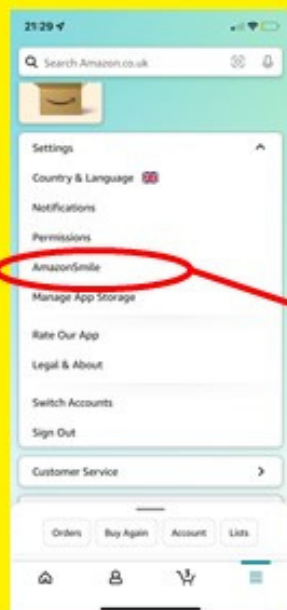
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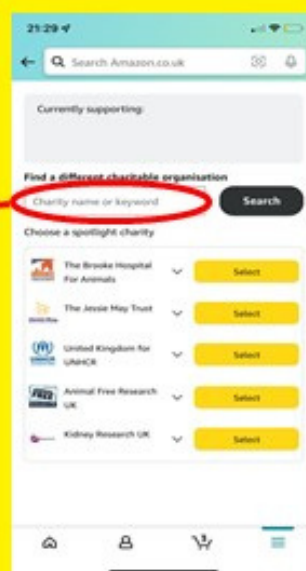
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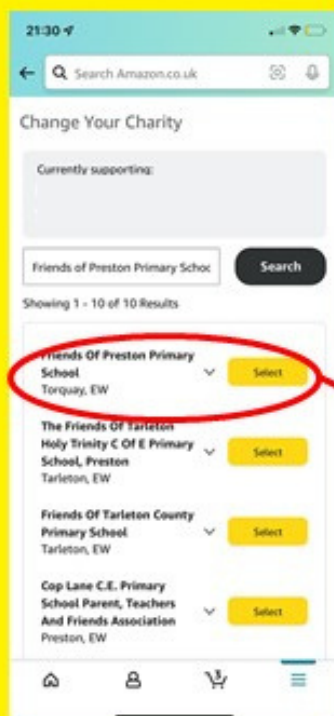
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Use the search bar to search for Friends of Preston Primary School



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Select Friends of Preston Primary School. Now every time you shop, Amazon will donate money to us!





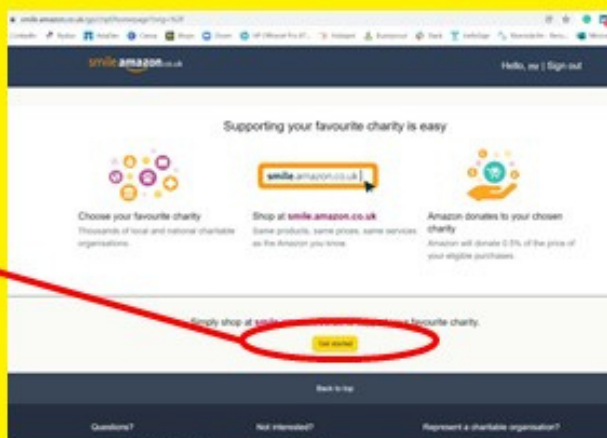
Signing up to AmazonSmile using your computer/browser:

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In your internet browser, search for AmazonSmile or type in smile.amazon.co.uk. Log in with your usual Amazon username and password

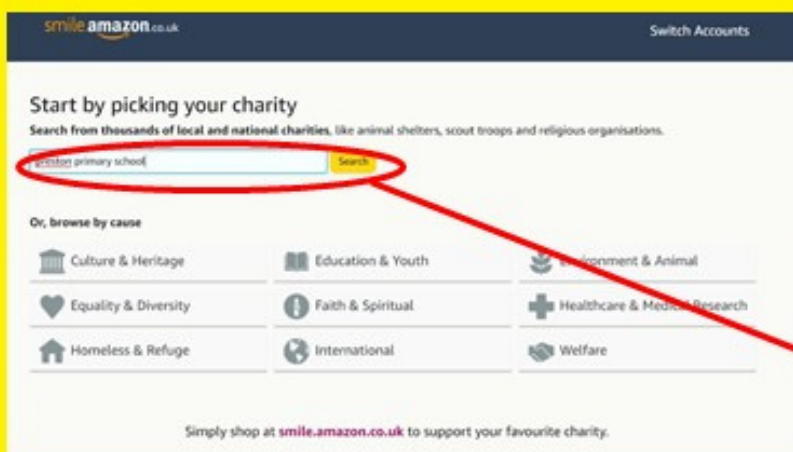
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Once signed in, scroll to the bottom and click 'Get Started'



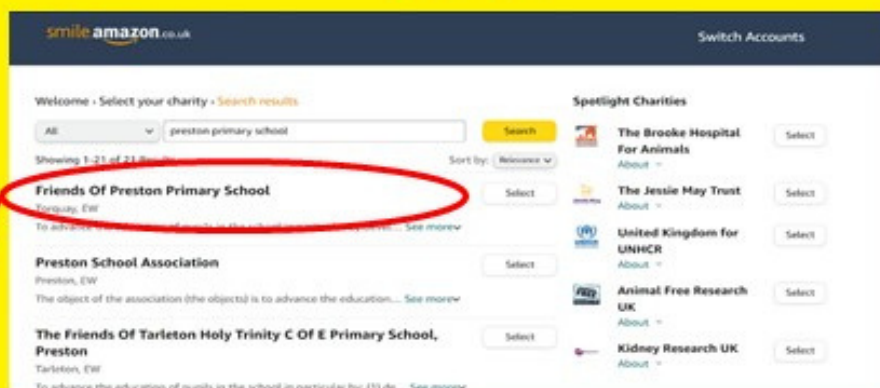
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In the search box, type Friends of Preston Primary School and press search



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Select Friends of Preston Primary School as your charity of choice



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Tick the box on the next page. For a donation to be made when you shop, you need to shop through the AmazonSmile webpage instead of the usual Amazon page – it's exactly the same!

