



FOWHIS NEWSLETTER

November 2020

DIARY DATES

- **FoWHIS Open Meeting: Mon 23 Nov, 8pm** via Zoom
- **Fresh Start Christmas collection: Thurs 3-Fri 4 Dec**
- **FoWHIS Christmas Auction: 7 Dec**
- **End of Term Christmas Non Uniform Day: Fri 18 Dec**

**See FoWHIS CALENDAR
for all activities**

REMINDERS

There's still time to order your
Christmas cards & gifts
(details on page 3)



FoWHIS Open Meeting

**Join us for our first zoom meeting
Monday 23 November, 8pm**

An opportunity to meet the team, find out more about FoWHIS, what we have planned, how funds are spent and a chance for you to suggest new ideas and get involved in our lovely school :-)

Meeting ID: 835 2173 9607

Passcode: 39013

Changing with the times

Welcome to the Class of 2020-21. One of the great, and reassuring things about FoWHIS is there's a tried and tested manual to help guide you. That is until you have a year like 2020!

The Committee have been working hard behind the scenes, liaising with school, adapting and adjusting to these new circumstances we all find ourselves in. We miss the opportunity our social events provide to have some fun, introduce ourselves and showcase the joy of running a cake stand or adult bar. But there is so much we can still do! Many of the changes we've implemented have been for the better (though we'd have preferred them not to have all be at once).

Next is to embrace the technology and welcome you all to our first (ever) Zoom FoWHIS Meeting on Monday 23 November, 8pm (details below) - we hope to see and meet both familiar and new faces.

FoWHIS Committee

New and improved for 2020

- Registered for Gift Aid and backdated claim made
- New Facebook page for Pre-loved uniforms
- Fundraising set up through Stickin Labels, Give as You Live and Amazon Smile
- Paypal set up, enabling cashless donations and regular payments
- Changed to Christmas Card supplier providing online ordering and direct delivery
- New Spooky Spy Hunt to enjoy a socially distanced Halloween
- *Coming Soon:* Stampastic Labels and Octopus Energy Parent Power Switch
- *Coming Soon:* online platform tailored to supporting FoWHIS activities

FoWHIS Funding Priorities 2020-21

FoWHIS have two guiding principles in everything we do;

- to help create a sense of school community and happy memories through fun, school-wide events and activities, and
- to enhance and enrich our children's time at school by funding the purchase of play equipment, resources, activities and experiences that would otherwise not be possible.

Working closely with the Senior Management Team, FoWHIS have agreed to help support the school's 2020/21 core priorities of:

- Wellbeing - of staff, children and families
- Recovery curriculum - filling in gaps so children are not falling behind
- Blended learning - providing education within school and at home

In previous years FoWHIS raised over £20,000, an incredible amount that allowed us to plan a yearly budget and accumulate funds for major projects. We were on target for 2019-20, raising an amazing £8,778 up to February when activities were suspended. With fundraising uncertain for this year we've agreed to an initial commitment to:

- **Replenish Y1 and Y2 Maths Packs** - currently awaiting replacement items, ready to put the packs together and distribute as soon as possible
- **Purchase a new YR Home Pack** - School are currently researching suitable contents for a new Reception Home Pack to be purchased

The Maths Packs are great resources to use at home during the academic year. Fully funded by FoWHIS we collect them back in July to be made ready for the next year group. We have introduced and subsequently replenished these packs over the past two years and are excited to be adding a new Reception Pack this year. New packs cost £8-10 each.

- **Gift £1,000 per year group** to be split between on-site **experiences** provided within their class bubbles to keep the children active and inspired and **year group classroom resources** to be nominated by (with some adult direction!) and chosen through a **Pupil's Vote**.

Coming to our school in 2021

Whoop! Oh My! We are so excited to confirm the new **Outdoor Classroom** has been ordered and is due to be installed in the spring. It will be the centre piece to transform the fenced area outside YR (site of old swimming pool) into an amazing learning space, along with planters and other curriculum led fun outdoor activities.

This fabulous 20x10ft Log cabin is the latest major project to be funded by FoWHIS (Pirate Ship was another). Such projects are only possible through accumulated FoWHIS fundraising across several years. There's still much to purchase and do through targeted fundraising in the new year and with the help of volunteers.

More details to follow in the coming months!



Fundraising

November's end of term
Non Uniform Day (aka NUD)
raised a record breaking
£434

Thank you to everyone who
decorated their windows and
took part in our sponsored
Spooky Spy Hunt

raising
£400 *
(plus Gift Aid to claim)

Special thanks to parent and
illustrator Kirsten Taylor for all
her spooktacular artwork

Donations and
regular payments can now
be made via
Paypal

bit.ly/fowhis-paypal

(no paypal account required)

Thank you!

to everyone who has taken
part, made a donation, raised
sponsorship, set up a regular
payment, purchased Christmas
cards, donated to our
Christmas Auction and
supported us this term.

Christmas Auction

We were unable to hold our ever popular Summer Fair Silent Auction in July. So, we've decided to hold an online **FoWHIS Christmas Auction** instead, week commencing 7 December.

We hope this will be a great way to raise funds for FoWHIS, support local businesses through promoting their business and provide gifts for Christmas, or just because you're worth it.

We appreciate these are difficult times for businesses and are so thankful to those so far who have donated, including;

- ★ UberMummies Membership
- ★ 1hr Volleyball court hire at Yellowave
- ★ Three Herschal backpacks
- ★ Selection of books from Faber publishing
- ★ 1hr PT session, Ash Webster Body Transformation
- ★ £10 Voucher at The Plate Factory
- ★ Bicycle hire at Brighton Sports
- ★ £15 Voucher at My Tiny Beast

Please get in touch if you own, work for or know a local business who may be able to donate an item, by emailing **fowhis@gmail.com**

Christmas Card Project

It's not too late to order your **personalised Christmas Cards and Gifts**. Some items were out of stock, however, these should be available again soon.

Log in via www.bit.ly/fowhis-christmas or

www.mychildsart.co.uk/order

Group Username: WestHove, Passcode: 7bZfNNK

The Portal remains open until 31 December and, with the option to upload additional photos and artwork there's time to make Thank You gifts too.

Fresh Start Christmas Appeal



As part of our ethos to engender a sense of wider community, once again WHIS and FoWHIS will be supporting local charity FreshStart's annual appeal. At Christmas the project provides personally tailored hampers of gifts and food that make a real difference for local families in need. The charity works across Brighton & Hove including within our own school community. We know that this year the need is greater than ever for many families.

Julie, Fresh Start's Project Manager has recorded a special assembly video about the project that will be shared with our classes.

This year we will be receiving donations at a number of volunteer donation points on **Thursday 3rd - Fri 4th December**, which will be collected by Freshstart and taken to their depot to create the hampers.

Further details will be sent out shortly on suggested donation items and drop off points,

Keep in touch / Contact us

f: Friends of West Hove Infants
School (School Road)

Email: fowhis@gmail.com

Via your FoWHIS Class Rep

Annual General Meeting

We have decided to reschedule our AGM planned for 28 November until after the new year. Following an unusual start to the year, we hope that in the next couple of months we will have the opportunity to meet you (virtually at least), share how important and rewarding FoWHIS can be, and encourage new people to get involved.

We would like to say a **HUGE THANK YOU** to **Manon** who is stepping down as Co-Chair as she has moved on to Juniors and to **Alison** who is stepping down at Co-Treasurer.

This brings the Committee down to four, which is unsustainable! If you'd like to find out more about getting involved please contact us for a no obligation chat.

Can you help FoWHIS ?

It takes many people to make FoWHIS the success it is. We appreciate that people have busy lives and sometimes do not wish to make a regular commitment or are unsure how to help. There are many ways you can support us if you;

- Have ideas and know-how for new ways to fundraise within current guidelines
- Would like to help run one of our activities with support from the FoWHIS team
- Would like to do a personal/team sponsored challenge for FoWHIS
- Would like to hold a fundraising event for FoWHIS
- Would like to offer a business donation
- Have experience of applying for grants
- Could help us write our GDPR Process
- Have skills, or contacts we may be able to utilise
- Not sure how you could help, but keen and would really like to get involved somehow?

please do get in touch, we'd love to hear from you!

Funded by FOWHIS 2019-20



LAST YEAR FOWHIS WAS ABLE TO FUND THIS AND MORE THANKS TO YOUR SUPPORT!



CLASS GIFTS



EXPERIENCE DAYS



Y2 LEAVING GIFTS



XMAS PARTY ENTERTAINMENT



RECEPTION COSY CORNER



Y1/Y2 MATHS PACKS



BOOK CORNER RESOURCES

THANK YOU

FoWHIS is a registered charity 1133890

FOWHIS investment over recent years

There are many items that our children currently enjoy, use and benefit from that have been purchased by FoWHIS fundraising in recent years including;

Pirate Ship in the Snug

Signs and games around the school playgrounds

Adventure Trail refurbishment

Art project to create the colourful tree installations

Equipment and resources for Nurture team

New PA system for school hall

i-pads and secure storage

...and lots of classroom and year group resources!



FOWHIS CALENDAR

2020 - 2021

SEPTEMBER

Welcome back to school!

OCTOBER

9 - Christmas Card template deadline
16 - Calendar photoshoot
22 - Spooky Spy Hunt sponsorship launch
23 - Non-uniform day

NOVEMBER

Don't forget to order your Christmas cards!
13 - Children in Need
23, 8pm - FoWHIS meeting - open to all (on Zoom)
Reception packs, Y1 & Y2 maths packs being prepared

DECEMBER

3&4 - Fresh Start collections
7 (all week) - Christmas Auction
TBC - Class calendars on sale
18 - Non-uniform day

JANUARY

25 - FoWHIS meeting - open to all (on Zoom)
TBC - Virtual movie night / big night in?

FEBRUARY

12 - Non-uniform day

Please share your ideas for events / fundraising throughout the year with us!

MARCH

1 - FoWHIS meeting - open to all (on Zoom)
1-5 - Readathon week and World Book Day

APRIL

1 - Non-uniform day
TBC - Self portraits for year group tea-towels being done in class

MAY

4 - FoWHIS meeting - open to all (on Zoom)
17 - sponsored Walk to School week
28 - Non-uniform day

JUNE

21 - FoWHIS meeting - open to all (on Zoom)
TBC - Summer Fair planning
TBC - Class tea-towels on sale

JULY

9 (TBC) - Y2 Leavers picnic
10 (TBC) - Summer Fair
22 - Non-uniform day

Further details of all events will be issued nearer the time via your Class Rep, Ping and our facebook page



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