

FOLS Newsletter

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Welcome to our Newsletter!

Well what a year it has been! We have held a record breaking amount of events, which has raised a record breaking amount of money. Thank you to everyone who has come to one of our events, your support makes all the difference!

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WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING AT LITTLE STOKE PRIMARY SCHOOL THIS YEAR!

Let's cast our mind back at all the events FOLS have organised this year...

For our September challenge we collected milk bottle tops, with the winning class enjoying an afternoon of doughnuts and strawberries. Year 1 won with an amazing 9000 bottle tops!

On Friday October 12th we held our first Adult quiz and curry night and it was enjoyed by all. We had 5 fun rounds and we finished the night with our worthy winners, Shona, Helen and Tracey! We raised a brilliant £158.40!

On the last day of the Autumn term, Friday 26th October, we had our Halloween disco and Autumn Fair. Spooky Stacey was running the disco in the large hall and the small hall was full of games stalls and refreshment tables. We saw so many scary outfits and crazy dance moves! This evening raised £620.

Our November penny war started when we returned for the Winter term. Each class made a brilliant effort in bring in their spare change and filling up their bottles. The winning class with £82.64 was year 3 who won a film afternoon and treats! The whole event raised £196.11

Next up was our new Xmas gift shop, where we helped your children make a lovely homemade gift and card to bring home to give to you. The children always love to spend the afternoon with us and we made hundreds of gifts with them through a few afternoons. This raised £345 for the school!

Our festive Xmas Fair was on Friday December 7th. The disco was in full swing, refreshments were being sold, (hello, waffle bar!) fun games stalls were plentiful, our new 'craft corner' was full of lovely items for the children to make and decorate and, of course, Santa was there. It really was a magical evening and this one smashed our target and raised £1350!

Next came the return of the popular Mother's Day gift shop, where we love to help your children make something special for the special ladies in their lives. The things the children come out with always crack us up when helping to fill out their cards. This event raised £142.

As we reached the end of the Spring term, another new event for our school, our first Easter Fair. So many eggs were kindly donated by yourselves we couldn't believe it, the egg tombola spread across 2 tables and was definitely the longest queue in the hall! Refreshments, a bunny hunt and fab

disco in the hall was enjoyed and we raised an Eggcellent £507!

Next was our Father's Day gift shop, special gifts and cards were made by the children for their dads, grandads, grampies and grumpies. The children all enjoyed themselves and we raised £130.

As we moved into Summer we trialed another new event, the Sports Day family picnic. Such a fun morning watching the children (and some adults!) compete, and then a fab family picnic on the field, with refreshments and some very popular strawberries and cream on sale! Together we raised £150.96.

And finally it was our 4th annual Summer fair. Bigger and better than ever before, with a BAR for the first time (You're welcome!) and showcasing our new card machine, we went above and beyond expectations and raised an amazing £1658! That was worth the wet sponges!

We mustn't forget our Friday Sales, which have stayed consistent except for a handful where we were unfortunately rained off. This year our Friday Sales has raised over £750. Thank you!

This school year has been FOLS best by far, we've raised an incredible £6000 which has gone towards replacing the schools IT equipment, going from the older style computers to brand new netbooks that can be wheeled between classrooms on their charging trolley. A fantastic resource to be used in every class. Smaller donations have been made through the year to the harvest festival, the year 6 leavers disco and a welcome gift for the new reception starters of 2019.

The netbooks have proved so popular and useful that Mrs Sargent and the school have asked if we can fundraise for another 16 plus the charging trolley. We are so close to being able to do this, so we say a massive thank you to supporting us. We should all be proud to say we've provided our children with incredibly useful IT equipment!

Here is a recent picture of some pupils using the netbooks

And here are some pictures of some of our previous events



Thank yous: We are incredibly grateful to so many people who have helped us on our FOLS journey so far:

All the LSPS staff who have dedicated their time to help with our events and the Governors June, Steve and Lesley for their help with the stalls & BBQ and Mr Middleton for all the manual labour!

Mrs Pittaway for looking after us with printing, texts, taking money and letting us through the door a million times over the years!

Mr and Mrs Silvester who have helped every way they could and have been wonderful supporters.

Our cake making mums who have provided us with delicious treats to sell.

All the local companies who have provided us with brilliant raffle prizes, Managed Mayhem who hired us their brilliant inflatable equipment, the blood bikes, police, vintage bus company, and to Stokers for providing the popular summer bar.

All the parent helpers who have kindly given their time to help in our events.

Everyone who has supported our events, attended and to all the children who have always been so well behaved!

As we reach the end of our 2018/2019 school year I come to the end of my time as the chair of FOLS. I would like to thank each and every person who has helped over the years since it began in 2016, your support is what has made it what it is today and we have a very bright future with the hard working team who are now in place for the 2019/2020 school year. All the best, Angela x