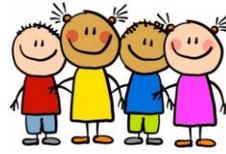




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Make sure you are up to date with all the latest news and future events by liking our Facebook page and becoming a member.

Please note: when you request to join our page, for security reasons, you will be sent an email asking you two questions. These questions MUST be answered before you can join the group. 

Dates for your Diary

December

Tues 17th	Year 1 Nativity	} 9.30am Infant Hall
Weds 18th	Reception Nativity	
Weds 18th	Christmas Jumper/Mufti Day	
Weds 18th	Christmas Lunch Day	
Thurs 19th	Year 5 Nativity - 9.30am	Junior Hall
Fri 20th	Last Day of Term	
21st-5th Jan	Christmas Break	

January 2020

Mon 6th Back to School



• **School Disco** - we are currently planning our next Infant & Junior school disco's which will be held in either January or February (date to be confirmed!)

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Their future is our business

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and generosity throughout the year, as without this, our fun events wouldn't be able to happen.

We are already looking forward to our first disco of 2020 but for now, we at FoPS would like to wish you all

"A very Happy Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year"

Let's make 2020 a year to make a difference!



Have A Holly Jolly CHRISTMAS





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FoPS AGM Follow up...

The last school year was an incredibly busy one for team FoPS and also our most successful yet! As well as 2 discos, a Fun Run, Easter egg hunt, Christmas cards, amazing Fireworks night, summer fair, Infant tea towels, sponsored read and ice cream Friday's, we had mufti days and kept ourselves busy with our newsletters.

So, where has the money that we have raised gone?

We completed the outdoor classroom on the Junior field and have enjoyed watching the children use it at lunchtimes and even during the day for drum practice! We spent over **£3,000** rebuilding the Infant pond and getting it ready for the children to do lots of pond dipping in; we bought 3 new, 8 seater picnic benches for the Reading garden; every child received a wrapped Christmas present; an Easter egg and ice pops on sports day and alongside that we have managed to raise **£14,000** toward a new trim trail for the Junior playground, which will have artificial grass underneath it! What an incredible achievement for a team of less than 15 parents!

Onto Year 2019/2020 and it is time for change!

Quite a few members of FoPS are having to step back this year due to work and family commitments and at our recent AGM we only had one new parent come forward (thank you). We are now down to less than 10 parents, so it is completely impossible for us to keep going with all our events - which is such a shame as we know every child enjoys them and it adds so much to their education and time at school.

We have therefore made the decision that Michelle Thrower and Jane Bounds will continue as temporary Co-Chairs, along with Melanie Carlton as Treasurer and Lorna Wilcox as Secretary. Once the work on the Junior playground is completed, we will call an EGM to review our positions and a new team will need to come forward to keep FoPS going.

We really hope that after all the hard work over the years that FoPS doesn't have to finish.

So how can you all help to keep FoPS going???

- Please volunteer to help at events - such as running stalls, helping to make and sell cakes etc
- Please come to meetings and help us with some fresh ideas
- If we ask for help to make sweet cups or wrap presents for an event - please help! A few extra hands really does make a huge difference
- Giving up just 30 minutes of your time really does make a difference too. If everyone could spare just 30 minutes a term to help, think what we could achieve
- Ask at work if your company would like to donate a prize or sponsor a reading bench etc

There are so many ways you can get involved and help us help your children have fun and enhance their experience at school. The best bit about contributing to FoPS is the example it sets to your children. They will see you playing an active part in making their education more varied and getting involved illustrates good teamwork and community spirit.

If you would like to contact us, please feel free to message our page; drop a note into one of our FoPS boxes or email us at: **fops@theparklandfederation.org**

We really appreciate any support we get and will always welcome anyone to join us in our pledge to support our children and the school.



Keep following our Facebook page to keep up to date with our activities
"Parkland FoPS & Parent Council"

