

The Fitzjohn's School Association



Fundraising for Fitzjohn's

The FSA is here to enhance the school life of all pupils of the Fitzjohn's community

During the Autumn term, the FSA set a goal to support our school by funding several programmes around sports, music, art, mental health and drama. More information can be found about this in the [first FSA newsletter](#).

The FSA started its spring term efforts on the back of incredible fundraising at the Christmas fair that raised more than £19,000! This strong momentum inspired the FSA to plan and launch several initiatives to ensure we can exceed the commitments set out to support our school this year.

In January we started an awareness campaign to **increase the number of direct debits** and corporate match-giving the school receives. Thank you to everyone who signed up to make a regular monthly donation, you have made an amazing difference! During the first two months of 2019, the *monthly* funding increased from £55 in Dec 2018 to £1,450 in February 2019!

On March 1st, we launched our first, of hopefully many, **“Evening with” events** with Robert Pires and Raphael Honigstein. It was a fantastic sold-out evening with drinks and food where **we raised £4,600 in ticket sales, with additional match-funding by Barclays of £2,000**. Two Barclays volunteers also kindly joined to help throughout the evening!

Let us also remember the fun events planned and organised by our parents such as the **Popcorn night** in January showing *Incredibles 2*, the **Valentine's Day cake stall** and the **Fantasy Disco** in March. These events are fun and important for our community-building and for our children

How has FSA supported our School this term?

The FSA has supported the school with a payment of **£18,500 to pay for its Sports and Gymnastics coaches** for one year. This is a great achievement, so thank you to all our families and communities.

This term the FSA has also paid for a new cooker for the school kitchen and the specialist coaches. Other expenses paid this academic year include charges for coaches for trips, the school texting service, and musical tuition.

Check out our new fundraising online shop: <https://shop.spreadshirt.co.uk/FitzjohnsNW3/> that has stylish Fitzjohn's and School House-logo'ed clothing!



Who's who and more information

FSA groups have been set up with parents who are willing and able to give their time. We appreciate all ideas and initiatives as it is all a team effort.

Currently we have parents who help with: gift aid claiming, grant fundraising, digital marketing for events, graphic design work for our school logo and posters, event planning and organising, and fundraising direct-debit campaigns.

Reach out to your class reps to support and get involved in any of these groups or if you have any other questions.

Direct Debit collection

As a part of The FSA's commitment to support our school, we continue to reach out directly to increase the number of monthly donations.

Please help your child's education and wellbeing by setting up a **monthly donation**. Please support the school with a monthly donation of a recommended amount from £15 - £50 per child or £50 - £100 per family.

The school and the FSA are grateful for the support and the generosity of all our community. Monthly donations are very important for the FSA, as it allows us to forecast income.

Don't forget to Gift Aid your donations, if you are a UK tax payer. (Kristy, in the school office, has forms if you need one). The FSA can then claim an additional 25% of the value of your donation from HMRC!!!

What to look forward to during summer term

Apart from better weather, the summer term has lots of fun FSA events that are good for both fundraising and community building.

Our **International food evening** is scheduled for May 17th. This is a family event with great food and company.

Our **Summer fair** will take place July 13th. This is our largest fundraising event of the year, so please start thinking of sponsorships and auctions items.

To **celebrate Fitzjohn's 65th anniversary**, the FSA is planning a special parents-only event with food, wine tasting and art-auction. More information will be announced after Easter, and we are very excited about this event.

In addition to the above, the FSA is also planning more "Evening with" events. Further information will be shared when available.