

# Fitzjohn's School Association

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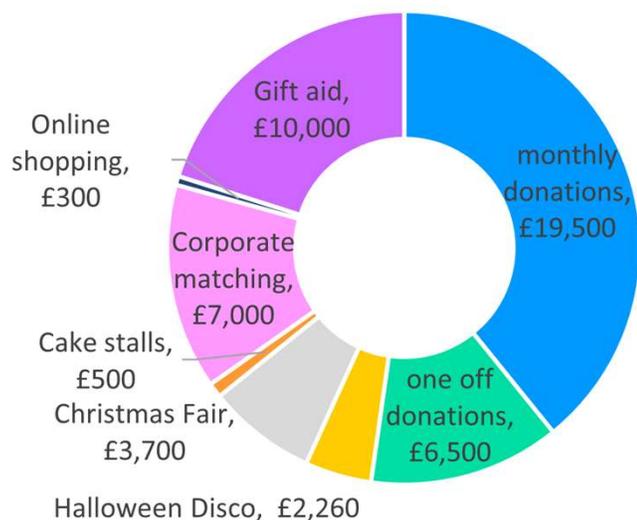
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**Happy New Year to all our Fitzjohn's families!** With a great first term behind us and going into the second part of the school year, we're happy to share some updates on fundraising and events.

## Fundraising news

We had a fantastic start to the year with the Halloween Disco, Christmas Fair, cake stalls, and several families who joined our monthly donations campaign.

**Thanks to everyone's participation, enthusiasm and generosity, we raised so far £50,000!** You will have seen the new basketball hoops and outdoor gym equipment, which are the two latest examples of how these funds are used.



**Our target for the year is £75,000.**

**Covid-related expenses still impact heavily on the school's budget.** Since last spring the school has spent more than £20K due to staff shortages and enhanced cleaning protocols to ensure it remains open.

Every week of keeping the school functioning normally costs an additional £500-1,000, depending on staff absence.

## 100 Families Campaign

The majority of funds comes from monthly donations and it's also the biggest driver of the Gift Aid amount. There are 76 families already making monthly contributions.

**If we can get to 100 families that would make a big difference. It's easy to sign up here:**

[www.fitzjohnsprimary.com](http://www.fitzjohnsprimary.com)

## Spring Clean Jumble Sale

Following suggestions from parents, we are looking into organising a **jumble sale around mid-end March**. Families will be invited to donate good-condition used toys, books and games, which will then be sold in a yard sale to raise funds for the school. Apart from being a lovely school community event, this is also a great opportunity to encourage our kids to think about the value of giving and buying pre-loved items.

**We are looking for a committee of 3-5 parents who are willing to help organise this event.**

Please find us during drop-off/pick-up or email us:

Tali: [tali07@gmail.com](mailto:tali07@gmail.com)

Claudia: [Claudiavignali@me.com](mailto:Claudiavignali@me.com)

## FSA Zoom Meeting 26<sup>th</sup> Jan, 7pm

Please join us via Zoom for an FSA catch-up meeting. As we will all be at home this will not count as a party and you may bring your own cheese and wine!

**Date:** Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2022

**Time:** 7pm

**Meeting ID:** 832 6085 0551

**Passcode:** JQA8Z9

### [Link here](#)

In the meeting we will talk about the impact we have made this year through our contributions to the FSA, take suggestions for future events and vote on transferring an extra £50,000 donation to the school to cover:

- ✓ **Covid-related expenses** to ensure that we have kept and can keep open every day;
- ✓ **IT Development** (iPads, Chrome books, etc);
- ✓ Multiple Sets of **Early Reading Books** for N-Y2;
- ✓ Continued **playground** development;
- ✓ **Extended music** provision.



## Cake stalls

This term we'll have two cake stalls:

**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> Jan – Y3/4**

**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> Feb – Y5/6**

Last term, our cake stalls made a fantastic £250 each.

Thanks in advance to everyone for baking, selling and enjoying!



## Online Shopping

Last year the school received £1,500 from school families' online shopping via [Amazon Smile](#) and [easyfundraising](#).

These are free donations to us that are made by the retailers, so please continue (or start!) thinking of Fitzjohn's while shopping online.

## We are all FSA

The Fitzjohn's School Association is our version of a PTA / parent-teacher organisation. **By definition, the moment you have a child in Fitzjohn's – you are automatically part of the FSA!** No need to be invited or get elected, we are all in it together to make the school environment the best it can be for our children.

SO – if you have a great idea for an event, a skill that you think can be useful, or any other initiative that you'd like to make happen – we'd love to talk about it.

