

Fitzjohn's School Association

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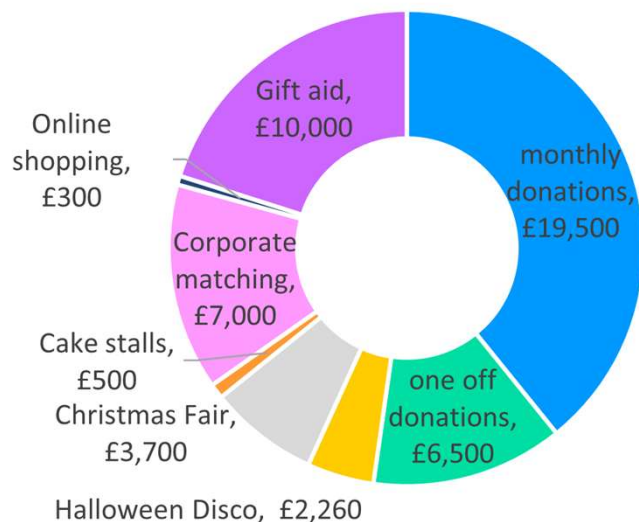
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Happy New Year to all our Fitzjohn's families! With a great first term behind us and going into the second part of the school year, we're happy to share some updates on fundraising and events.

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

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

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FSA Zoom Meeting 26th 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 26th 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 27th Jan – Y3/4

Thursday 24th 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.

