

Fitzjohn's School Association



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

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The FSA is a voluntary charity set up to support Fitzjohn's Primary School. It is run by the parents at Fitzjohn's with the support of the Headteacher, Rob Earrey.

The objective of the FSA is to ensure we work together as a community to support our school. The FSA has two main objectives; firstly to encourage and build the community for both pupils and their families/carers at the school, and secondly to raise funds for the school.

Unavoidably, Covid has had a heavy impact on our school's budget. Expenses went up due to additional ongoing cleaning and hygiene costs, while income (from building hire, school fundraising events and corporate giving) dropped significantly. That, coupled with ongoing declining government funding, means that our role at the FSA in raising funds for our children's school is becoming increasingly important.

We are so lucky to have a wonderful, engaged and committed community of families in our school. That means we have a good starting point to work from. Last year we raised over £60,000, mainly through monthly standing order donations and the online Christmas shop.

Our target for this year is £75,000.

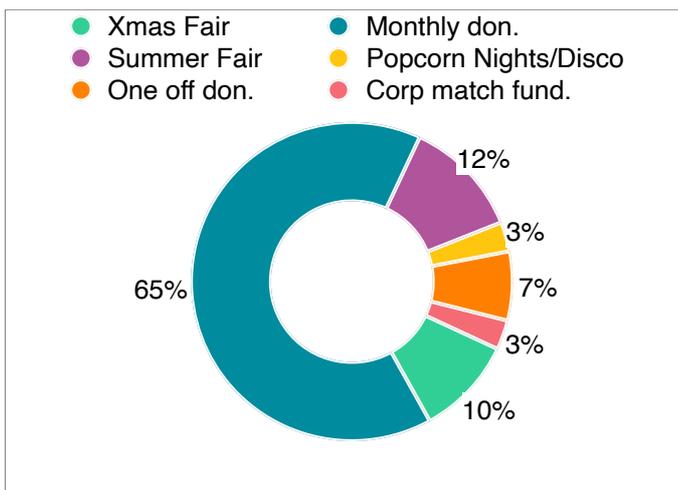
Did you know that last year financial assistance from the FSA enabled the school to renovate the tree house and purchase new playground equipment to ensure our children enjoy keeping active?

About The FSA Fundraising

Our main focus and the best way to support the school is through monthly donations. Having a steady and predictable source of funding that the school can rely on, means we can safely plan ahead. In 2017, we had an annual total of £2,441 in monthly donations. Last year, we reached an amazing total of nearly £40,000. We now have 60% of families in the school giving through standing order, with the most common monthly amount being £50. This year we aim for an 80% participation.

We are also excited to be able to organise events again! Our Christmas and Summer Fairs, the Halloween Disco and our popcorn nights are run successfully with support of all our families. It's a great way for our community to come together and also create a positive environment for our children at Fitzjohn's.

The income from monthly donations and events covers most of our budget. Remaining funding comes from one-off donations, corporate giving from employers' match funding schemes, charitable grants and Gift Aid.



How will donations to The FSA be used in 2021/2022?

Our goal for the year is to raise £75,000. The money will go towards the music, art, sport and mental health provisions and the purchase of new IT and playground equipment. By members of the FSA (that's every single community member) supporting these initiatives, the school is able to use its running budget to the fullest on valuable staff and teaching assistants that are a crucial part of our children's learning.

1. **Every year the FSA funds the cost of our gym, PE, music, drumming and art instructors** that are not part of the school staff. These activities enrich our children's curriculum and enable specially trained instructors to teach these subjects. This amounts to £23,800.

2. **Mental health provision** – Fitzjohn's has always put mental health at the heart of its ethos by working with children on a variety of issues such as friendships, stress, resilience and handling changes. Especially with Covid-related impact on mental health, the FSA is committed to ensure that this continues at an annual cost of £10,000.

3. **IT and playground equipment** – good quality equipment has a real impact on our children's education. This year, we will be replacing class display screens and iPads and installing outdoor gym equipment in the playground for a total cost of £22,000.

4. **Transport for trips** – with school trips hopefully resuming this year, the FSA funds the coaches and transport costs at £6,000.

5. **Free clubs for children on Free School Meals** – as a community we fund one after-school club per term for every child on FSM, at a total cost of £1,800.

The total funding requested by the school for the year is £66,500.

How to get involved

→ **Set-up a standing order:** voluntary monthly donations have an incredible impact on the running of our school. 60% of the families already give in this way, with £50 per month being the most common amount. Help us reach our target of 80% participation by completing the ATTACHED FORM or on this [quick link](#).

→ **Shop on Amazon Smile & Easyfundraising:** online shopping is now BIG (thanks Covid!). Shop on Amazon Smile and through the Easyfundraising app for most of the big brands (John Lewis, M&S, Boots, H&M and many more). This has no cost to you and raises money for the school.

→ **Corporate match giving:** many companies where our parents work will offer match-funding on employees' donations. If you make donations through your employer please consider our school. The FSA is a registered UK charity.

→ **School events** are run and supported by parents and carers. You can help by reaching out to local businesses for vouchers, coming up with fundraising ideas and volunteering at the events. Reach out to your class rep to get involved with upcoming events.

Thanks for being part of the Fitzjohn's community!

Find out how the school is funded and how you can get involved at the upcoming FSA meeting:

**Friday 24th September
8:45 -9:15**