



FRIENDS OF CLANFIELD SCHOOL

Newsletter

Spring 2021 Edition

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Welcome

We are only just saying welcome back when it's time to have a holiday again! Fear not, FOCS has been busy working away making up for lost time (or more accurately lost terms!)

With the fourth gazebo ending up on the roof, the school is in desperate need of a new permanent canopy over the back of the main school building. The passionate staff have also passed on a wish list of science equipment which we would love to fulfil and help release the children's inner scientists!

There is a lot to update you on so please read on so you don't miss out!

Diary Dates

26th April

Rags2Riches Collection

29th April 7pm

FoCS Meeting - Zoom

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Bottle Bonanza

Hopefully you've bought your tickets for this long-awaited event! There is quite a selection as you can see!! We send our thanks to the two staff members who gave up their break-time in order to ticket the 92 bottles that had previously sat patiently in boxes in the school hall waiting to be won!

The winning numbers will be announced via e-mail on Monday 29th March. Please keep an eye out for a message from school regarding the safe collection of your prizes. We are hoping to have a 'Prize Table' at the gate where bottles will be given directly to parents but we are also conscious that we cannot hold up or interfere with the safe return of your child at the end of the day.

We are aiming to distribute the prizes as efficiently as possible but will need to maintain social distancing and avoid any congestion so ask for your patience and understanding with this undertaking!



Useful Links

Easy Fundraising

[easyfundraising.org.uk/
causes/clanfieldpta/](https://easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/clanfieldpta/)

AmazonSmile

[smile.amazon.co.uk/
ch/1079497-0](https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1079497-0)

Getting in Touch

FOCS@Clanfield.oxon.co.uk

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Easter Egg Hunt

We are hoping that the Easter bunny will make a visit to school near the end of term and leave some chocolate treats for the children. The money raised previously by your support to FOCS has helped to provide these treats as well as a generous chocolate donation from Aldi in Carterton. FOCS are also providing an Easter craft activity for the children to enjoy.

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Clanfield Village Easter Egg Trail

FOCS have been working hard to provide some Covid-safe, entertainment out in the fresh air over the Easter Break. Please support your school and challenge your children to follow the Easter Egg Trail (see poster attached) around Clanfield village. We have kept the cost low at £1.50 per trail so that as many families as possible can enjoy a socially distanced activity whilst following the latest government guidelines and 'staying local!'

The Trail map availability on Parent Pay has been extended until 12pm on Monday 29th March and maps will be given out to children in book bags at the end of term. The trail map will also have your raffle ticket attached. Please keep hold of this just in case you win one of the prize draws as we will be announcing the winning number only for this draw.

Trail maps will also be available from the Post Office Counter at Blake's Kitchen from the 3rd April should you want to purchase more. You will need to take cash to pay for these. Please note some parts of the trail will involve crossing the main road in Clanfield and is therefore not suitable for children to do unsupervised.

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Design An Easter Egg Competition

To keep little hands and minds occupied during the Easter break, FOCS are running a Design an Easter Egg Competition.

Your egg can be any size and made from any material. Be as creative as you like!

Please share your entry on your child's Google Classroom main page and pay via Parent Pay. Each entry will guarantee a small treat and Mrs Rogers will have the difficult task of choosing a winner from each Key Stage who will each receive a prize!

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Rags2Riches4Schools Clothing Collection

Finally, if you have winter clothes that have been outgrown or you are simply having a clear out please, please, please save your bags of clothes for our next Rags2Riches4Schools Clothing collection on Monday 26th April.

We raised over £270 in November and it would be great if we could beat this target.

Sorry but, as before, they do not take school uniform.

PLEASE CAN YOU HELP US?

Imagine the faces of the children when they arrived into school to find this!



A gazebo bought for us by the lovely Janet Hickman; broken and unfixable.

Our 5 and 6 year olds are now without a covered area and without shelter they will be unable to read, paint or work in small groups. We have been saving for the last year to buy this Wall Fixed Canopy but are a long way off our target of £3k.

Any donations, no matter how small, would be greatly appreciated.



[Donate here https://donatemyschool.com/clanfield-primary-school-2499](https://donatemyschool.com/clanfield-primary-school-2499)

Whilst we continue to navigate how to fund raise through a pandemic we appreciate your continued support and understanding with the organisational issues we face. FOCS have a number of ventures ready in the wings for next term but are always keen to hear your suggestions and any volunteers are most welcome (please email us below). Our FOCS meetings continue to be held via Zoom and our next meeting is on Thursday 29th April 2021 at 7pm.

Wishing you a Happy, Safe and Creative Easter!

FOCS Team x

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EASTER EGG TRAIL

3rd -10th April 2021



Come join in the fun in Clanfield Village!

£1.50 per entry



Clanfield School children can buy a trail map (including one raffle ticket entry) in advance, from Clanfield School, on Parent Pay.

Trail maps will be available to buy (cash only please) from the Clanfield Post Office (inside Blake's Kitchen) during usual opening hours from April 3rd.

Your raffle ticket will be entered into a draw for a larger chocolate treat! Return your completed trail map to the Post Office counter to claim your reward.

All correct entries will be entered into a 'Winners Draw' to win yourself more Easter treats!



Draws to be pulled by Mrs Rogers (Clanfield Head) on the 19th April and will be announced shortly after on our Friends of Clanfield School facebook page and Clanfield school noticeboard