



FRIENDS OF CLANFIELD SCHOOL

Newsletter

Christmas Edition

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Diary Dates

14th January 8pm
FoCS Meeting - Zoom

2nd March
Rags2Riches Collection

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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Welcome from the new FoCS Committee

The December AGM had a great attendance and the new FoCS team are keen to support our children with your help. Heartfelt thanks must go out in order to recognise the hard work put in by the previous Co-Chairs Aimee Drake and Stacey Lygo, the previous Treasurer Rose Giles and Vice Chair Emily Beane. The funds raised last year would have been significantly less without their tremendous effort and determination with setting up and running the Christmas Craft Fair and Christmas Raffle in particular.

Your new committee consist of Lucy Roberts and Steph Lunn as Co-Chairs, Vanessa Park Pearson as Treasurer, Alex Castle continuing as Secretary, and Rachel Bhatia, Emily Leach and Katie Maddern as Named Committee Members. However, as parents and / or guardians you are all members of FoCS and we welcome your ideas and contributions of any kind, at any time!

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Next FoCS Meeting

Our next meeting will take place via Zoom on Thursday 14th January at 8pm. We are especially keen to establish a FoCS calendar for our 2021 events and beyond. If you have any ideas, contributions or contacts that may be able to help us then please join us at the meeting or e-mail your ideas, in advance, to the address below. We will also be confirming the class reps so if you are interested in this role - which involves liaising between FoCS and the parent body (mostly via the WhatsApp group) - then please come along. Class WhatsApp Groups are not compulsory but exist as a quick, informal way to communicate directly with parents about FoCS events (and also provide timely prompts / last minute reminders for things that, as multi-tasking parents, we occasionally forget!!). If you are not already on your class group and wish to join then please send your details to FOCS@Clanfield.oxon.co.uk.

Some of the ideas to be considered, amongst others, include; Virtual Bingo, Monthly Lotto, Valentines cake sale, Daffodil pots, Hook-a-Duck, Pyjama Dress-up day. If there is something you would like to see happening please let us know!

3 Christmas Craft Carousel

Thank you so much for all the icing tubes & sprinkles you brought in last week. The final preparations are taking place (thank you to the gingerbread and gift tree makers, the snowmen nose creators and the sweet collectors!) Hopefully the children (and teachers) will all have a fabulous time on Wednesday and you can be suitably impressed with their creations! With your support, the FoCS have not only supplied all the materials for the craft morning but also contributed half of the cost towards the Virtual Pantomime '...Oh no they didn't!! Oh Yes they did!!' (Sorry couldn't resist!!)

In addition to the FoCS elves and angels working behind the scenes to make Wednesday a fun-filled day for our children, special thanks also need to go to the following for their generous donations;

- **Aldi Carterton** who donated a number of sweet tubes
- **Aldi Faringdon** who donated a number of sweet tubes
- **Asda Carterton** who donated (a very large) number of sweet tubes
- **Blake's Cafe** Janet has helped in a number of ways and we are especially grateful for her generous donation that has enabled the purchase of a large number of seasonal gifts for the children, as well as the paper bags that will carry their creations home
- **Co-op Bampton** who donated more of the sweet tubes
- **Co-op Shilton Park** Robert kindly donated 24 mini tubes of icing
- **Janet Hickman** needs special mention for not only being instrumental in the sewing of 102 snowmen and moulding of 102 carrot noses, but she also made and gifted a large number of clay decorations and has been invaluable in her crafting advice and expertise!
- **Sharon O'Donnell** who very kindly donated a number of books

4 Village Nativity Trail

Topaz class have been busy making LED lit nativity scenes on small pieces of MDF. It would be lovely to display their artistic achievements as a trail around the village that could be followed over the Christmas holidays. If anyone is willing to display a frieze in their window and are happy for it to be part of the walking nativity trail then please do get in touch with either FoCS (FOCS@Clanfield.oxon.sch.uk) or via the school office (office.365@clanfield.oxon.co.uk). In addition if anyone has any particular IT skills regarding plotting positions on maps then we would love to have some help in making this trail a reality (and even an annual event!)

Lastly, may you all stay safe whilst enjoying the festivities of the Christmas Break! We look forward to having 2020 firmly behind us and welcoming in a more positive 2021!

Seasons Greetings from FoCS!

5 Bottle Tombola / Lucky-dip Bottle Draw

Wow! An amazing amount and assortment of bottles were collected on the recent dress-down day, thank you. Due to the logistical complications caused by the COVID restrictions however, we have decided to postpone the Lucky-dip Bottle Draw itself until January. We are hoping it will be a fun event to kick-start the fundraising in 2021!