



This is our last newsletter for this year and I would like to start by saying a big, big thank you to EVERYONE who has helped me in my first year as FROTH chair.

It has been a pretty steep learning curve, but all of your support has meant that we can get the job done and have some fun at the same time! We have had some great events and activities this year and we have managed to raise a total of £7010.03!

That is from all the cake sales, film nights, discos, fairs, quiz nights and other events that we have held this year. The money raised from the two fairs will go into a savings account for a really big spend, and 60% of the rest of the money will go towards the school, with the staff deciding how they spend it and 40% will go towards FROTH future events.

We have decided to run a couple of new events next year... more details below!

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**18th September
Tears and
Tissues (new
year R parents
only)**

Shoulders to cry on
and new friends to
make.



**22nd September
Big Family Camp
Out**

Outdoorsy
adventures and
singsongs round the
campfire!



**28th September
FROTH AGM
2.15pm**

Come and have your
say and put forward
any new ideas.

Summer Fair

We had a wonderful day on the 8th July for the summer fair and managed to raise a fantastic **£2321.26!** There were loads of things to see and do, pony rides and go kart rides, and lots of things to eat!

A big thank you to Mr Coutts and the children who demonstrated the Maypole dancing to us. That must have taken a lot of practise! Another thank you to Chloe from Boppins who did a fantastic demonstration of the brilliant dancing they do in Boppins each week, and thank you to Rev. Andrew Barton who judged the fancy dress parade.

Thanks to Altis who provided a generator for the bouncy castles. Thanks to Spar who provided the barrow of booze, and Vanessa Croucher who provided the cake for guess the weight of the cake.



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31st October Halloween Cake Sale

Show us your cooky spooky cakes!



2nd November Bag2School Collection

Time to sort through those drawers, bag up any unwanted clothing and drop them off at school.



10th November Quiz Night

Get the old brain cells working and have a great night! Bring your own drink and get a tasty takeaway!

Tears and Tissues

For all new parents there will be a coffee morning on the first morning that all the year R children are in together, Monday 18th September, straight after drop off. It's a chance to have a cuppa and bit of cake and a natter (and maybe a little cry) meet the other parents in the class and have a chat. It's also a chance to talk to us about FROTH and find out how you might be able to help out in the future.

We really hope you can join us, especially if you are a parent of a sibling already in school, your expertise and experience will be most welcome to the newbies! Young siblings and babies are welcome too.

FROTH's Big Family Camp Out

On Friday 22nd September we are holding a big family camp out. The idea is that you bring your tent to school on the Friday evening, pitch up and then we have a BBQ followed by some field games. A few toasted marshmallows and S'Mores later we bed down for the night, using the outside toilets. Waking up in the morning we will have bacon butties, packing up and leaving the school grounds at 10am at the latest.

You pay £3 per adult and £1 per child and then £2 for burgers or hot dogs and £2 for bacon butties. You pre-order the food and send your money in, so we have an idea of quantities for food, plus it means that you do not need to have any money on site.

FROTH will provide free tea and coffee and squash for the children and we will also provide the marshmallows and chocolate biscuits for S'mores.

Don't have a tent? Don't worry, we are able to borrow scout tents. If you require a scout tent, then it will be an extra £5. These tents will be allocated on a first come first serve basis, so get in quick if you need one! Please bring your own sleeping bag!



AGM

We will be holding our Annual General Meeting on Thursday 29th September at 2.15pm. As all parents of children who attend this school are all automatically members of FROTH, you are therefore welcome to attend the AGM. We will be looking at the funds raised and spent over the last year and looking at new dates for events and fundraising ideas.

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24th November Family Bingo

Try your luck with the bingo numbers! Win treats and other fab prizes!



9th December Christmas Fair

Lots of festive fun for all the family!



21st December Christmas Disco

Time for the kids to get down and boogie!

Spending

As it is that time of year again, where the school must work out their budget, we had a meeting with Ms Worswick and it was decided that we will introduce a bi-annual save and spending regime. The money raised by the Christmas and summer fairs will be saved over two years and then spent on a large item/items. So this academic year and next academic years; fair takings will be spent in July 2018. It has been decided that the money will be spent on laptops, as I'm sure you can appreciate, technology is a fast paced subject and the children need to be kept up to date, and that can only be achieved by having the relevant technology. We will still give 60% of our other funds raised (through other events we hold such as cake sales, camp outs) to the school, who will spend it where it is needed. We will no longer be doing the voting system, as the need for decent laptops is greater. The outside area and library will still receive money through the 60% of funds given to the school by FROTH (so don't worry about saving milk bottle tops anymore!).

Bag 2 School

We have booked in the Bag 2 School people to come 3 times next year. The good news is that they now take soft toys, old sheets and towels. We have booked them in the weeks just after the 3 half term holidays, so you can use the week to have a good clear out. All of the bags collected raise money for the school. A Bag 2 School bag will come home the week before half term, but you can use black binliners too. Just make sure they are securely tied up and have no holes in them. There is a full list of what Bag 2 School take below. Dates are in the dates for the diary further on in the newsletter.

- Men's, Ladies' and Children's clothing
- Paired shoes (tied together or elastic band around)
- Handbags
- Hats
- Bags
- Scarves and ties
- Jewellery
- Lingerie
- Socks
- Belts
- Soft toys
- Household linen
- Curtains
- Towels
- Bedding (bed sheets, pillow cases and duvet covers)

They do not take:

- Duvets and blankets
- Pillows and cushions
- Carpets, rugs and mats (including bath, shower and toilet mats)
- Soiled, painted, ripped or wet clothing
- School uniforms with and without logo
- Corporate clothing and workwear
- Textile off cuts, yarns or threaded material

Easy Fundraising

Easy fundraising is a really easy way of raising money for the school. Whenever you buy something online, check that the website you are shopping in is on the easy fundraising website. You can see how much the company will donate on the website. You can even book your holiday through it!

There are over 3,000 shops and sites on board ready to make a donation, including Amazon, John Lewis, Aviva, thetrainline and Sainsbury's – it doesn't cost you a penny extra!

It's as easy as 1, 2, 3...

1. Head to <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/froth/> and join for free.
2. Every time you shop online, go to easyfundraising first to find the site you want and start shopping.
3. After you've checked out, that retailer will make a donation to your good cause for no extra cost whatsoever!

Have a fab summer holiday and we will see you in September!

If you have any ideas you would like to bring forward, we are always available to chat to, just come and find us or drop us a line on the FB page. Ideas and help are always welcome!

HAVE A FAB SUMMER HOLIDAY AND WE WILL SEE YOU IN SEPTEMBER!

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