



Four Lanes Federation



# Welcome to your school fundraising team

We'll keep this brief because we know you already have a lot to do and think about being a part of school community. But, since we're a friendly bunch, we'd really like to introduce ourselves and tell you some key information about the Friends of Four Lanes Schools, how you can help us, and what's in it for you.

Our group is called the Friends of Four Lanes Schools and has been running for a number of years. We're a group of volunteers who have children at the Infant and Junior Schools.

The main function of our group is to support the school by raising as much money as we can to enhance, enrich and improve learning experiences for the children. We also provide those 'little extras' that make school memorable, such as funds towards making the outdoor classroom in the infants playground, and help towards modernising the junior school.

We also exist to bring the communities of school and home closer together because it's a great opportunity for parents to be involved in the life of their children's school.

The group is run by a committee who are all volunteers. We also have teachers that help, our wonderful head Mrs Mallaby, and friends and family that support at our events throughout the year.

We might sound like an abstract group of people, but we're parents, carers, friends and allies – just like you. Not so long ago, we were new too.

Friends of Four  
Lanes Schools  
Newsletter

September 2024  
Autumn Term

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## ACTIVITY THIS TERM

- Wednesday 25th September – AGM in the Community room (juniors).
- Friday 11th Oct Happy Bags collection
- Friday 18th October – Infant School mini movie night
- Friday 8th November – Junior School Discos
- Christmas Fayre – Saturday 23rd November



### How do we keep you up to date with our activities?

You'll hear about our events through the schools main communication apps, sometimes things will come home in book bags and you can also keep an eye on our Facebook group as well as posters in classroom windows!

## LAST ACADEMIC YEAR

Last year we had great fun with events including discos for the children, a Christmas fayre, Summer fayre, Easter event and Colour run amongst other things and raised around £17,000 which is split between the Infant and Junior schools.

Mrs Mallaby, our headteacher, will share what the funds are being used for at the **AGM** on **Wednesday 25th September**. Anyone is welcome to come along to the meeting which starts at 6:30pm in the community room in Juniors.

Head to our [Facebook page here](#), for all the latest updates and news.

*Here's what the children think... "The colour run was the BEST DAY EVER" "I like Mrs Mallaby's marvellous chocolate bars the most" "I loved the summer fayre and had lots of fun with my family and friends."*

### Do you have a small human that wont stop growing?! WE CAN HELP!

We have a 2nd hand uniform shop where you can check online for stock, pay and order and we'll drop to school on the Friday ready for collection. Prices starting from just 50p.

We're grateful for donations of uniform in good condition too. Its great on the pocket and for the environment. You can drop these off in reception.

Just visit

[fourlanes.sumupstore.com](http://fourlanes.sumupstore.com)

## HOW CAN YOU GET INVOLVED?



We welcome everyone to our committee, and you can choose to play a bigger part taking on organising events or a smaller part helping where you can! The more people become involved, the more we can achieve and the easier it will be.

Even if you have younger children at home, or only a small amount of time, could you come to a meeting, help set up an event on the day, or help prepping at home? Perhaps you have a professional skill you could help us out with? You don't have to come into the school; many of our volunteering tasks can be done from home. Just get in touch and we can tell you more— [FFLS@sky.com](mailto:FFLS@sky.com)

## SUPER EASY WAYS TO SUPPORT

**Short on time? Here's some quick and easy ways to support...**

Sign up to **Easyfundraising**, it's FREE MONEY?! Just sign up for free and turn your online shopping into free donations for our cause! **Sign up now: [here](#)**

Did you know you can support the school and wider Basingstoke community for £1 a week? [Sign up to the Basingstoke Community Lottery to](#) be in with a chance to win up to £25,000 every week!

