AUTUMN NEWSLETTER 2023

Dear Parents,

The FoSH team warmly welcomes you back to St Hilda's for another year of community and fundraising events. Before going into detail about plans for the coming year, I would like to pay tribute to the previous FoSH Committee and Form reps whose efforts helped FoSH achieve its highest ever fundraising total. 'The Dream Team' will be a hard act to follow.

The new FoSH Committee comprises of myself, Dominic Hutt (Chair), Sophie Forsyth (Secretary) and Tammie Modi (Treasurer). Each Form has new FoSH reps too and we are very grateful to them for dedicating their time this year.

In line with the school's newly chosen charities, FoSH will be raising funds for Great Ormond Street Hospital, Tiggywinkles and Make a Wish Foundation this year as well as equipment for the school itself. A new Tug of War rope is already on the list and we welcome suggestions from you too. Further details will be included in later newsletters.

The Autumn term begins with the Welcome Event on Friday 8th September and concludes with a host of festive activities – Christmas card design, secret gift room, panto visit and the Christmas Bazaar.

Alongside existing events, FoSH will focus on growing the parent/teacher community through participation in smaller scale activities throughout the year. To start with, these will be in the form of post-drop off exercise groups but your suggestions are welcome too - karaoke and crazy golf have already been put forward !

With the above in mind, FoSH will hit the fundraising ground running by taking part in the Herts 10K on Sunday 8th October in Rothamsted Park. There a 10 places available and further details will be sent via your Form reps soon so please respond to them if you are interested in joining. The event is very well supported with multiple vantage points along the route through Harpenden and is fun for runners of all abilities.

A reminder for you that the easiest way to contribute to FoSH is via https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/foshs/ From 'big ticket' items such as a holiday or furniture to your weekly shop and Amazon last minute emergencies, there is an online retail partner to use and at no cost to you.

The second hand uniform shop is very busy at the moment with good availability of stock so don't miss out ! https://sthildasfoshunifor.wixsite.com/my-site/shop

With the glorious weather we are enjoying at the start of term, we will be running an ice lollies Friday treats this week. Cold drinks will be available for parents too. Form Friday treats will then start from 15th September.

Lastly, might we remember to drive and park with consideration for residents living in close proximity to St Hilda's.

Looking forward to a successful year for FoSH.

Many thanks for your time,

Dominic, Sophie and Tammie