

# END OF TERM FOBS NEWSLETTER

Can you believe that it's the end of term already. It has been lovely meeting all the new families at Binsted School. Since September we have had our first yummy cake sale, helped the children create their amazing Christmas Cards and danced the night away at the end of term school disco.

Thank you to all who have donated cakes, volunteered their time and supported our events. Without your continuing support we could not bring smiles to the children's faces and support the school.

## **A little bit about us:**

We are parents that want to make Binsted the best school it can be for all of our children now and in the future. We volunteer to raise funds to go towards upgrades, essential maintenance and materials that the school needs but the local authority do not provide.

## **What at the school has FOBS funded?**

We have managed to raise funds as well as applied for and won grants to upgrade the school playground. We are having netball posts installed, the playground re surfaced and at Christmas, we will have new court lines and patterns painted.

We've also bought books, musical instruments, flooring in the school hall, the rugs in Oak and Rowan classrooms, ipads for the children to use, folding bench tables for the school hall, and cycle helmets for Year R to name just a few over the years. As well as larger projects such as adding a new mezzanine floor to the school to create a new classroom and the Forest Room!

## **What are we raising money for now?**

We have been informed that the school currently runs on Windows 10 which will be out of support in October 2025. They have been looking into ways to minimise the costs, but we foresee the upgrade costing circa £12,000. The local authority do not provide schools funds for IT upgrades and so it will be down to FOBS to raise money through applying for grants and organising fundraising events.

The school are in need of an outdoor learning area for Rowan Class, similar to the one outside Oak. We are looking at different options for cover in the area and the best structure for the space. We are very lucky to have an architect in our parent pool whom is helping with planning permissions and getting it right. This really is why it's so valuable to gather our resources/ expertise. We are hoping to get this project up and running in the summer next year if we manage to raise the funds.

After spending all of our capital on the playground project - getting it resurfaced, court lines laid and educational patterns drawn, we have a long way to go to up the funds again for our new school priorities. We'd love any help from parents that we can get, if you have any expertise to offer, any ideas to put forward or you want to get involved and volunteer, then you would be incredibly welcome. We are all working parents who have limited time and so sharing the load is what we would love to do. Invite Grannies, Grandpas, Cousins, Uncles, Aunts, friends and acquaintances!



## Volunteers - Can you help?

We are looking for volunteers to help with the following events:

29/11/2024 - Hot chocolate childrens event at school - 3 volunteers needed to help serve hot chocolate and biscuits to the children

02/12/2024 - Christmas Shop - 4 volunteers needed to help wrap the gifts chosen by the children

07/12/2024 - Binsted Christmas Fayre - The more volunteers we have to help the more chance we have to fundraise for our fabulous school.

CONTACT US ON [fobs.binsted@gmail.com](mailto:fobs.binsted@gmail.com)

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Friday 29th November 2024 - Parents Hot Chocolate Social Evening** at the Binsted Inn (While you wait for your children at the school Hot Chocolate evening).

**PARENTS! JOIN US AT THE**  **THE BINSTED INN**  
Public house with rooms

WHILE YOU WAIT FOR YOUR CHILDREN AT THE SCHOOL HOT CHOCOLATE EVENING ON THE 29TH NOVEMBER FROM

5.45 - 6.45PM

Irish Coffee

Baileys Hot Chocolate

Hot Chocolate



&

Brownie

OR

Mince Pie

FOR £5



THE PUB ARE KINDLY DONATING £4 PER ORDER TO THE BINSTED SCHOOL OUTDOOR CLASSROOM FUND *Thank You!*

### SHOUT OUT FOR SUITABLE GIFTS

The very popular Christmas gift shop will be returning to school on Monday 2nd December 2024.

The gifts on offer for the children to 'buy' are a combination of donations from parents and FOBS supplied. It is time to raid those bottom drawers! If you have anything that you think would be suitable (presents need to be in very good / new condition and are typically for parents and siblings) and are willing to donate then please pop it in a bag and leave it in the office for the attention of FOBS by Friday 29th November. Further details on how to book will be sent after half term.

To save waste we are also looking for donations of gift bags: large or small, especially Amazon gift bags which the Christmas elves find very easy to use. 📦

SAVE THE DATE

FOBS Christmas Shop

Monday 2nd December 2024



FOBS will be opening the Christmas Gift Shop for the children to purchase a gift for someone special to them.  
Booking details to follow after half term

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SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO BINSTED!

SANTA'S GROTTO AT BINSTED CHRISTMAS FAIR

SATURDAY 7TH DECEMBER 2024, FROM 2PM TO 4:30PM

Booking Details to follow after half term

