

A Happy new year! Newsletter no. 2

Firstly, WOW!!! Shipley School you rock!
£1894 fundraised at the Christmas Fair!
Well done everyone!

Friends of Shipley School as a Charity (FOSS)

This term, we want to try and make FOSS more visible within the school and more approachable to everyone who is interested in helping. Some people may have a skill, or an idea, but don't know they can help; others have a great idea but no time to participate. It does not always HAVE to be about cash! Let us know if you would like to help!

We have started by bringing back parent representatives for each class:

Willows – Sarah Cuthbertson

Oaks – Lisa Hayes

Ash – Shelly Ward

Sycamore – Jaclyn Marie Hayman

And ***New FOSS STARS**, pupil representatives.
Amber, Francesca, Monty and Charlie.

Giving both parents and children a voice within the school and amongst each other, and to liaise with FOSS.

Mrs Harvey has kindly donated a notice board to FOSS in the hall, where a 'Funding Tree' Collage will be made. Using a Visual metaphor, -

The FOSS Tree. Leaves being ideas and wishes, FOSS members (Parents) being the branches joining into the trunk, the School, (teachers staff and children) and filtering down to grow firm and established roots.

Projects:

As some of you many already know, The Trim trail (outside Willows/Oaks Class) has been given about 12 months of safe play left. FOSS has approached 3 companies for quotes to replace.

We have been also very lucky and offered £2500 from Dark Star Brewery. A one off fund, dedicated to support the children, their education and their local environment. This will be divided between the ‘Butterfly Garden’ behind Oaks and an outdoor classroom Forest School shelter. Mrs Harvey and I, with Mr Killner, a former pupil of Shipley School, put our wellies on last week and measured up for the class room, which will also double up as PE shelter! So watch this space, or should I say, watch the space under the trees, next to the buddy benches! Lisa and Amy (parents of Henry, Annie and Oliver) have drawn up a shopping list for butterfly garden. So in the spring when it gets a bit warmer, we will be able to start Golden time gardening and after school/weekend events like the ***Royal Wedding Garden Party*** which will be on Friday 18th May. More info to follow.

This week, after a few requests for ‘*Something Different*’ for the spring fundraiser the children voted In favor of ‘Jaws and Claws’ an animal handling

workshop with the mission, “Making learning fun” so watch out for more details and ticket sales in the next week or so.

Lastly, there are a couple of minimal effort fundraisers being re-introduced,

Bags of Support

Drop off any unwanted clothes, bags, and shoes to school from 17TH – 19th Jan

[Www.bagsofsupport.co.uk](http://www.bagsofsupport.co.uk)

The Giving Machine (Account: 62108)

Add app to your Phone/PC and one click before ordering online gives Shipley Free cash.

www.thegivingmachine.co.uk

Empties Please

Recycle your old printer ink cartridges and Toners for Cash AND Nature points – Bags to be sent home.

www.emptiesplease.com

Remember, anything is possible with ‘Perseverance’!
So, without further ado, Let’s get cracking into 2018 and nurture that *Funding tree!*

All the Best,
On behalf of the FOSS team.

Sarah Cuthbertson – Chair