



FOSS (Friends of Stepgates Community School)

Charity Number: 1146969

## NEWSLETTER FOR QUARTER 1 2014

Hi Everyone,

Can you believe it's Easter already?!

It's been a soggy start for some of us but I hope everyone is getting back on their feet now that the weather is starting to improve.

We've had a busy couple of months at school with events; the results are as follows;

**COME AS SOMETHING YOU LOVE MUFTI DAY** – Raised £25 and 11 crates of food, water and essential supplies for local victims of the floods. The children all looked great and hopefully they all enjoyed dressing as their favourite person or in their favourite clothes. The Money raised from this event will go towards items on the school wish list, the items are listed below.

**HOLLYWOOD DISCO** – Raised £419.

There were some great costumes and dancing on display at this event, the tuck shop and glitter tattoos were very popular. The money from this event will go towards items on the school wish list.

**THE QUIZ** – Raised £463.

This is always a popular and well attended event, hosted by Andy from Radio Wey with entertainment from Andy Jones.

Congratulations to the Sunbeams team – **WINNERS!**

For those of you that couldn't make this quiz, there will be another one later in the year so look out for more information.

The proceeds from this event will go into the swimming pool fund.

**THE MOTHERS DAY STALL** – Raised £131.33

This was a popular stall again this year; lots of children brought some beautiful bracelets that were hand made by some of the Mum's. The proceeds from this event will go towards the items on the school's wish list.

**THE BIG SPLASH** – Will be mentioned on the next newsletter when all of the totals and winners have been announced.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS for 2014**

- ❖ **Red and white mufti day – 25<sup>th</sup> April (the Friday of the week the children return to school).** Donations of £1, a bar of chocolate or a bottle of wine. Donations from this event will go towards the school “wish list” items and a raffle at the summer fair.
- ❖ **A Car boot sale is planned for the 10<sup>th</sup> May from 12pm till 3pm.** There will be a flier coming home in book bags after Easter with details on how to pre-book your pitch, please spread the word, we are expecting a lot of sellers but it's buyers we need!
- ❖ **Father's day stalls –** Details to follow, we may need your help!
- ❖ **The Summer Fair is planned for the 21<sup>st</sup> June from 11am till 3pm.** The theme is “The Circus” We will need your help, see below.
- ❖ **The Black Cherry fair is on the 13<sup>th</sup> July.** Stepgates will be entering a (winning?!) float again this year, the theme is World War 1. We will need your help for this event too, look out for information in book bags after Easter.

## **SCHOOL WISH LIST**

- **An outdoor learning area.**
- **New learning zones in the classrooms**
- **Additional supplies for the classrooms as requested by the children.**

You may have heard that the school has managed to buy a mini bus, this is great news and in order to keep the running costs down for the school, we will be paying for the road tax every year.

## **HOW CAN YOU HELP?**

As you know, everybody that has a child at Stepgates is automatically a member of FOSS, this doesn't mean that you have to come to all of the meetings or help out at all of the events but (and there's always a but) you may be able to help in other ways.

## **SUMMER FAIR HELP PLEASE!**

We are looking for people with circus skills that may be able to run a workshop at the summer fair.

Do you know of anyone that could help us with entertainment at the summer fair, we would like people who can ride unicycle's or walk on stilts.

Do you know of a local group or club that may like to come and do a demonstration at the fair?

**Please remember that this is a fundraising event so ideally we would like people who are prepared to donate their time. If you know of anyone, could you ask them to contact the school and provide their name, skill and contact details?**

**Do you have any uniform items in decent condition that your child has outgrown and could be donated to the school? If you do, could you bring them in to the office please, we would like to have a used uniform sale**

**Did you know that we had a Facebook page??**

**Friends of Stepgates School (FOSS). We use the page to advertise events and updates, next time you are on Facebook, look us up and give us a like. It would be good if you could like and share any status regarding events, it's great advertising!**

**You can also help the school by telling your friends and family about our events, the more people that come along and support the events, the better for everyone, especially the children.**

**FOSS isn't just here to raise funds (although it does feel that way sometimes!); it is for parents to get more involved in the school too. If you would like to be more involved or you have ideas on what we should be doing for the school, but can't come to the meetings or you just like tea / coffee and a chat (sometimes cake too!) come along to a coffee morning, they run every Wednesday after drop off in the old sunbeams building. There are provisions for children too so bring them along. We are all parents and we all have similar problems, not to mention the laughs and better yet, it's FREE!**

**We raise a lot of money every year using a website called [Easyfundraising.org.uk](http://Easyfundraising.org.uk) see below for details.**








































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