



Thank you very much for your excellent support in ensuring that the events already held this academic year were a huge success! The Christmas Bazaar almost feels like a distant memory and we are already busy planning a range of events for you all to enjoy throughout the rest of the year. Please read on for news about where the funds raised are going, what we have planned in the coming months & how we'd love for you to get involved.

Where does the money raised go?

Every year FOLF generates around £7000 through our various events (more of which below). This allows us to regularly donate towards smaller projects which benefit the children and help the staff support the children's learning. In the last financial year this included:

£500 towards purchase of digital cameras; £1800 towards the fantastic school mosaic; £1600 towards purchase of iPads; £150 for Y6 Buggy Malone performance; £300 for the Y6 Leavers book/BBQ; £500 for the zorbing at the 25th anniversary celebrations.

More recently we donated £200 towards updating the nativity costumes and gave each class £100 to spend. We have received some lovely thank you letters from the children across the school saying how much they were enjoying new resources such as audio books and headphones. We are committed to ensuring that funds will be available for consideration to meet the needs of the children above and beyond the boundaries of a tight school budget.

Alongside these types of projects we are delighted to be supporting the school this year in the rather larger project of updating the playground equipment. We are aiming to contribute £40,000 over time, and so far have donated £5,000. Watch out for the fundraising thermometer appearing in the school newsletter and on the FOLF noticeboard. Any amazing fundraising ideas are welcomed!

All of this is only possible with your continued support so please take a look at our upcoming events to see where you can either offer time as a volunteer to help out or come along and enjoy the events.



Recent fundraising events

Halloween Discos

Many thanks to Tim, Fanny and their team of helpers for making the discos a fun, friendly atmosphere and giving our children something to get excited about. We especially hope they enjoyed the Halloween Theme, which was suggested by a parent as a variation on the usual disco! The discos proved incredibly popular once again with 80% of the children attending. Thanks to your support we raised almost **£288**.

Family Breakfast

What started out as a bit of an experiment last year has turned into a really popular family event! Thank you again for supporting this event! We were delighted to be able to offer bacon sandwiches this time alongside pastries and granola. Again it was well supported and we raised **£120**.

Tea Towels

Another part of the celebrations for the School's 25th Anniversary. We raised a fantastic **£810** so many thanks for supporting this idea and buying so many as Christmas presents! We hope that everyone who received one was delighted with it!

Christmas Bazaar

To everyone who helped arrange stalls, ran a stall, ticket up tombola items, bake cakes, sell raffle tickets, fold raffle tickets, donate prizes and actually came along to enjoy the event - THANK YOU! We absolutely could not put on an event such as this without the help of all of you, no matter how much time you are able to offer, we are always hugely grateful. The Bazaar had a wonderful, welcoming atmosphere and we are delighted to report that we raised a fantastic **£2045!**

What FOLF events are coming up?

Please make a note of the following dates in your diary - more information will be sent nearer the time.

Family breakfast on Friday 1st March

Another opportunity to come along and join us for a relaxed breakfast in the school hall before the start of the school day. On offer will be a tea, coffee, fruit juices, bacon sandwiches, pastries and granola to fill your tummies before the day ahead. Simply get up, get dressed and leave the rest to us!

Family Easter Egg Hunt and brunch on Saturday 30th March

Save the date to join us for this exciting new event based in the school grounds. Details will follow soon.

Disco - Thursday 23rd May

The next disco will be held on the evening before the holidays - a fun end to the term!

Long Furlong's Got Talent on Friday 14th June

All are welcome to this family fun event where children in Years 3-6 are offered the chance to share their many talents. Refreshments will be available. Further details will follow closer to the date.

Summer Fete on Saturday 6th July

Our biggest fundraiser of the year!

Quiz Night

Our planned event on 25th January was unfortunately cancelled - we will hopefully set another date for this and it would be great to have teams from each year group to generate some (lighthearted!) rivalry!

200 Club Lottery

You may be aware of the FOLF Lottery, with a monthly draw with 1st prize of up to £75 and 2nd prize of up to £25. 200 numbers are available which cost just £1 per month. A separate email will follow about this but if you are interested in buying some numbers in the meantime please contact us via the email below.

Non-uniform Day

There are a number of non-uniform days but most of the children enjoy them so watch out for a FOLF non-uniform day where the children would donate £1 if they want to come to school in non-uniform.



Finally, to ease the organisation of gathering volunteers at each event, we're looking to set up a class rep system. As a class rep, you would NOT need to attend any meetings, or get involved in preparing for an event (unless you wanted to of course!) but to be a contact point for the committee to help arrange volunteers from your year group. You would be contacted before an event and asked to find a certain number of volunteers - that's it! If you are interested in being a class rep, then please drop us an email at the address below or catch one of us in the playground.

If you would like any further information about FOLF or to offer your help at any event or in the planning of events (perhaps you have contacts who can donate items that would allow us to maximise profit) or you have a great idea for a fundraiser - perhaps that you have seen work at a different school, then please do not hesitate to contact us: folf@long-furlong.oxon.sch.uk

Best wishes from everyone involved in FOLF

FOLF meet approximately once a term on a Monday evening. Anyone is welcome to one or more meetings. The next meeting is Monday 25th February. Contact points in the playground, if you wish to discuss anything are: Gemma Chapman (children in Y4/Y1), Marta Tricklebank (Y4, Reception), Tim Clarke (Y6/T4), Teresa Campbell (Y4,Y2), Amanda Ford (Y4,Y2), Nikki Rowbotham (Y3), Sam Egerton (Yr3), Sharon Birtwistle (Y5) & Mrs Dunne.