

FRIENDS OF SWINDON VILLAGE PRIMARY SCHOOL



Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope that the children have all enjoyed their first few days at school and that they continue to enjoy the rest of the school year.

Now we are beginning the new academic year, its time for the Friends to get together to start planning our events and activities for the rest of 2023 and in to 2024.

We will be holding our first meeting of the school year on **Thursday 5th October 7.00pm** on school grounds. Our meetings are normally held via zoom but we have decided to meet in person on this occasion. It would be great to welcome new parents/carers to join us.

Anyone can get involved with the FOSVPS. Even if you only have a small amount of time to give, your help will be very much welcomed. There's always something that you can do, even if you are unable to help on a regular basis. It's a great way to meet other parents and staff, whilst taking part in a range of fun activities. It also gives parents an increased understanding of the school and how it operates.

We have a thriving Friends committee who organize the ever-popular Winter and Summer Fair's which are the main 'large'; events of the year. We also run discos, sponsored events, Ice Lolly Friday's and my personal favorite, the Easter Eggstravaganza, featuring an epic cake sale! As well as providing fun and social opportunities for our children, these events raise valuable funds which we donate to the school to part fund swimming, class trips for every child, Playpods and other equipment. Last year we were able to donate approx £10,000!!

We hope you can join us on 5th, but in the meantime, please ensure you follow our Facebook page for up to date news and event details. If you are unable to come to the meeting, please look out for ways to volunteer at events. We often struggle for parent helpers for our large events and some come under real threat of being cancelled/ scaled back.

By everyone helping together, the FOSVPS can really make a difference to our children's time at our wonderful school.

Many Thanks

Kate Mynett (Chair)

On behalf of the Friends of Swindon Village Primary School