

FoBPS Newsletter

September 2017

Hello everyone and welcome back to a new school year! It's amazing how fast the time flies and summer now seems but a distant memory. I hope that your children have all settled into their new classes and I would also like to say a big welcome to all the new parents and children.



For the new parents to the school, FOBPS is made up of parents and carers of children from all year groups of the school. Each parent is automatically a member of the FOBPS team upon joining the school, however attending the AGM and joining the Committee, earns you the right to vote on committee issues as and when the occasion arises. As well as the committee members there are many more ways that help out towards our fund raising events throughout the year - this includes cake baking, shopping, setting up and clearing away at events and manning stalls at fayres. Being an active member of FoBPs is a great way to contribute to the school community, shape your child's learning environment and to get to know other parents. If you have any questions please talk to your current Class Rep or speak to an existing member of FoBPS, if you don't know who we are, the school office will be able to point you in our direction.

A list of the current committee members can be found on the Bickley Primary School website.

Please find our Facebook page (FOBPS) which is very useful for reminders and updates on school related issues.

We appreciate it is not always easy to find the time to come to our meetings to discuss and plan fund raising ideas, but even if you cannot attend, getting involved by donating to our tombola prizes or giving us feedback on slips that are sent out regularly is as important and vital to FOBPS.

Dates for your diary

Wednesday 27 September

FoBPS AGM

Time - 7:00PM

Venue - School Hall

Everyone is welcome – so feel free to pop along.

At this meeting the new committee members will be appointed and the fundraising priorities for the coming year will be agreed.

All parents are welcome to attend the AGM. If you are interested in joining the 'committee' please complete the nomination form (these will be sent out 2 weeks before the meeting). If you would like to be involved within FOBPs, but don't feel able to commit to a specific role, please consider either the role of a Class Representative or a committee member. Both of these roles are important to the success of the overall committee but do not require the commitment to attend all of the monthly meetings and will also give voting rights on key issues. Please note that FoBPS also hold separate sub-meetings to plan key events within the fundraising calendar such as the summer and Christmas fairs. These meetings are generally held during the day at or around the school and we always look for parents who are able to attend these meetings and join the team on an ad-hoc basis to help organise these events and make them a success. Please look out for more details of these meetings in the future.

Deadline for panto tickets:

FRIDAY 22 September

**Performance: Wednesday 20th December
Snow White & The Seven Dwarfs @ the Churchill
Theatre – 7.00 pm**

Every year FoBPS secure a limited number of panto tickets for the Churchill Theatre. These tickets are at a greatly reduced price and are in the Stalls. This year's performance is Snow White & the 7 Dwarfs and we have tickets booked for the show on **Wednesday 20th December at 7:00PM**. This is not a school trip and children need to attend with an adult. You are welcome to attend with siblings and other family members / friends.

Tickets are sold on a first-come-first-served basis at the special discounted price of £17.50 each – please have your ticket request returned via the green FoBPS box by **22nd September**. Thank you!

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Easyfundraising

FoBPS use www.easyfundraising.org.uk to raise extra funds, which means that if you shop online you could help us raise funds and it won't cost you a penny more, in fact it can help you save money.

With over 1,000 online shops to deal with there is



plenty of choice (including major brands like Amazon, M&S, Sainsbury's and Boots), for more information and to help with fundraising simply visit and click

Friends of Bickley Primary School

as your chosen charity. We have

raised £133 since using Easyfundraising – we should be able to raise much more as it's a quick and easy way to raise funds. Easyfundraising will match 20% of new joiners and what they raise in their first 12 months, and give it to our cause as a bonus.

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/invite/LZG2FK/WSIFUI/>

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