

NEWS

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Welcome to the first PTA newsletter of this school year.

We wanted to take this opportunity to thank everyone for supporting FOAMS (Friends of Abbey Meads School) last year and responding positively to the new fundraising events we held. Since September we have been getting together to plan a timetable of events to host during the run up to Christmas!

What is FOAMS all about?

Whether you're new to Abbey Meads Community Primary School and Nursery as your child has just started or if you've been with us for a while, what better way to meet other parents than to get involved with the fun events that we hold throughout the year!

I'm sure the acronym "PTA" will fill some of you with fear and brings on images of baking, giving up lots of time and probably even giving lots of money. However, what we need from parents is just a small amount of time, working around you and your commitments.

We meet once a term to discuss upcoming fundraising ideas and attendance at all these meetings and future events is not mandatory. Sometimes tasks we may need help with include approaching local businesses to ask for raffle prizes, sourcing prizes for competitions we hold, running a stall at a summer fair and organising/ distributing items we sell to classes such as Mother's/ Father's Day treat boxes.

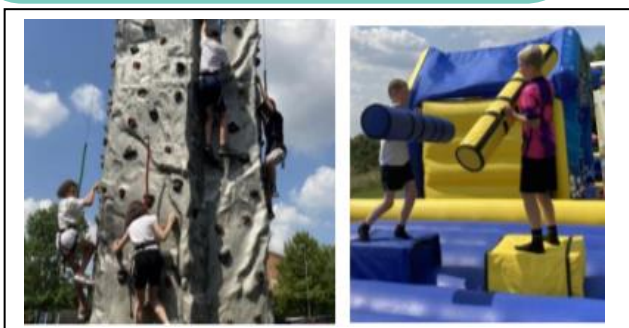
We are currently a small group of parents and Teaching Assistants who work in the school so would welcome any new members. If parents could volunteer to support a few events a year that would make all the difference to our fundraising efforts

UPCOMING EVENTS

26th November-
Non-Uniform Day (Hamper donations)

26th November-
Christmas Market Night (See poster on 2nd page)

1st- 15th December-
Hamper Raffle Tickets on sale (Parent Pay/ before Christmas Performances)





Term 2 Upcoming Events...

We were hoping that Term 2 would see the eagerly awaited return of the FOAMS disco however, due to the rise in COVID 19 cases in Swindon we have decided to cancel this event on the 9th December. We know that this event is a highlight for many children but to reiterate Mr Buckley's letter a week ago the children will have many opportunities during their time at Abbey Meads to attend a disco when we can hold them again safely.

We will be holding a non-uniform day on Friday 26th November in exchange for hamper donations- details to follow soon in a separate letter. All items received will be used to create Christmas hampers which we will raffle off at the end of term. Tickets will be available to buy via Parent Pay and before the Nativity/ Christmas play performances.

As with all events at the moment we will have to monitor and respond to any changes to the school and Government Covid 19 restrictions so please see our Facebook page for regular updates.

FUNDRAISING UPDATE

We are delighted to say that even though 2020-2021 was challenging in terms of holding events and raising money, we were still able to assist the school and subsidise some fun events for the children. With your support and generosity, we managed to raise a grand total of £8443.54

This academic year has also got off to an excellent start with a total of £382.19 raised in the 'Pennies in the Pumpkin' challenge. Well done to 5Ash who won the prize with a class total of £67.92.

Last week you also raised £115.20 from the Bag 2 School Collection.



Did you know that whenever you buy anything online from your weekly shop to your Christmas presents – you could be raising a free donation for Abbey Meads PTA?

There are nearly 3000 retailers on board ready to make a donation, including Amazon, Argos and Sainsbury's – it doesn't cost you a penny extra! It is really simple, all you have to do is join (sign up is free) and then shop! As easy as that!

Please visit <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/foams>

Join us for some festive shopping...

Due to the success of the online Christmas Market last year, we have decided to host an in-school event this year. Please come along and support some local crafters and purchase those unique gifts.

JOIN US AT OUR NEXT MEETING

Monday 10th January 2022

Monday 7th March 2022

Monday 9th May 2022

Monday 27th June 2022

All meetings are held at 7pm, come to school office

children communication committee
fundraising PTA school
pupils staff parents
rewarding events organisation
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FRIENDS OF ABBEY MEADS SCHOOL INVITE YOU TO OUR

CHRISTMAS MARKET NIGHT

Crafts * Gifts * Treats * Refreshments * Raffle

FRIDAY 26TH NOVEMBER
17:30-20:30
ABBEY MEADS PRIMARY SCHOOL

Admission £2 per adult includes 1 raffle entry
Treasure Hunt 50p per child
Social distancing measures will be in place.

MINI XMAS PHOTOSHOOTS
£10
inc 1 digital image

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FOAMS
"Your children are the stars of us all!"