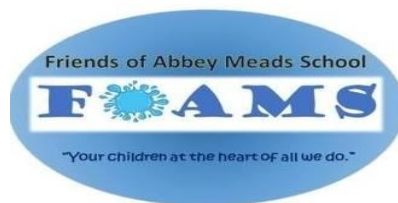


NEWS



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Happy New Year!

Welcome back to Term 3!

We hope you have all settled back into school life after the Christmas festivities. We can't believe we are nearly at the end of January already so we thought it would be nice just to recap the events that we ended 2022 with and look at what we have coming up.

December was a busy month for FOAMS as we hosted 4 fundraising events including the Christmas fayre, personalised Christmas card and gift sale, non-uniform day followed by the hamper raffle and finally the school disco which was well attended. Thank you for supporting these events we are pleased to announce that we raised nearly £3000!

As mentioned in previous newsletters we are currently trying to run FOAMS with a very small group of dedicated parents. For us to continue to support the school in raising vital funds we need more volunteers to come forward.

There is no expectation to attend every meeting and with this in mind we will be trialling both 'in house' and virtual meetings to try and encourage attendance.

This year we have already had to change some of the events we normally offer due to the lack of volunteers available to organise and supervise events. Please keep an eye out for our updates on the weekly school newsletter, Facebook and Twitter pages detailing new events with the correct dates/times.

SPRING TERM 3 January 2023

UPCOMING EVENTS

9th February- Disco
Reception, Y1, 2 & 3
(5.00- 6.00pm)
Y4, 5 & 6
(6.15- 7.30pm)

21st February- Mother's Day raffle tickets on sale (draw 16th March)

28th February- Book Swap Shop

31st March- Easter Competition (see details below)

30th March- Spring Disco
(Timings above)



Can you help?

Join us at our next meeting:

Tuesday 7th March 2023
7pm in school or Via Zoom- link to follow

FOAMS@abbeymeads.swindon.sch.uk

FOAMS- Friends of Abbey Meads School

**NEW... WE ARE NOW ON TWITTER,
SEARCH FOR US AT**

@FOAMSAMCPS

FRIENDS OF ABBEY MEADS NEEDS YOU

How you can help volunteer with FOAMS?

#1

Join our meetings, throw new ideas around and help with the planning of upcoming events.

#2

Help at our events to make them run smoother. Even if it's just to set up or take down.

#3

Do you work somewhere that donates to registered charities such as FOAMS?

#4

Can you create fun games for fayres and other events?

#5

The odd hour here and there really goes a long way before bigger event preparations.

NEW EVENTS...



BOOKSWAP



To coincide with World Book Day in March FOAMS are excited to announce a new event next term-
The Book Swap Shop!

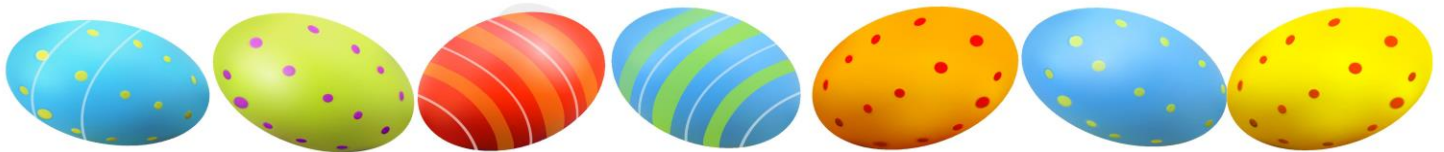
We are asking children across the school to bring in preloved and new/ unwanted children's books by 27th February in preparation for the swap shop on the 28th February. A collection box will be in the reception (Office) area at the beginning of term 4 (w/c 20th Feb) for you to drop off your donations.

We hope to collect enough books so that all children will get the opportunity to visit the shop during the school day and choose a new book to take home- what a wonderful way to share the many books we are lucky enough to have access to and encourage our children to enjoy reading. The shop will also be open after school for you to come along and purchase any remaining books for a small donation.



For the past 2 years FOAMS have been supported by the Gorse Hill Tea Room who have supplied us with subsidised Mother's Day Cream Tea boxes which we have sold onto our families.

Due to a decline in orders last year, we have decided to trial another new event to celebrate Mother's Day in 2023. We will be selling tickets for your chance to win a 'Pamper Hamper' full of treats to gift to that special person in your family! All children will be sent home with a book of raffle tickets costing £1 per ticket at the end of February. Please support this event by purchasing some tickets and returning the contact details tab and money to the class teacher or school office by 16th March when the draw will take place.



FOAMS have decided not to run the Easter Egg hunt this year as last year this event ran at a loss to the charity. This year we plan to host 2 competitions that we feel will tap into the children's creative side! Entry will be £2 per child and can be handed to the class teacher on the day.

- Nursery and Reception- Decorate an Easter Bonnet
- Key Stage 1 and 2- Decorate a 'blown' or hardboiled egg.

All entries to be brought into school on 31st March when they will be shared and a prize winner will be chosen per class. All runners up will also receive a small prize. (More details to follow next term.)



Please register today and help raise money for our school.

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

