



A welcome from Friends of Monkfrith School (FOMS)

Who are FOMS?

FOMS is the parent teacher association (PTA) of Monkfrith School and is a registered charity that runs to support the activities of Monkfrith school. All parents, guardians, carers and teachers are members of the association. We have a Committee of parents who are at the heart of planning events and making decisions aimed at best supporting the school with the funds we have raised. We also have charity trustees who ensure FOMS complies with its constitution including acting in a responsible way to help achieve its two central charitable aims. These are:

1. To fundraise for the school to provide some of the extras that the school budget cannot otherwise cover
2. To contribute to building the sense of community we have at Monkfrith by putting on fun events and supporting other school events

How does FOMS benefit the school?

FOMS is an integral part of the school community and has, over many years, raised and spent thousands of pounds on equipment and resources which have enhanced our children's learning and educational experience. In addition to fundraising activities, FOMS exists to provide closer links between home and school, and encourages staff, parents and friends to come together to support the school and its activities, thus enhancing the overall community spirit of the school.

What events do FOMS run throughout the year?

Currently, our events include:

1. Quiz Night
2. Christmas Cards for Schools – personalised cards and other items at Christmas time
3. Christmas Fair and Raffle
4. Bingo Night
5. Popcorn Sale
6. Easter Tea Party
7. Summer Fair and Raffle
8. End of Year Disco
9. Various Coffee mornings throughout the year

How do FOMS support Monkfrith School?

We have recently agreed or provided funding towards:

1. £10,000 match-funding provided to build new Sensory Trail (built April 2019)
2. A-Maze'ing Allotment Project (built April 2018)
3. A Wizard of Oz Theatre Performance
4. Christmas entertainment for the children
5. Year 6 Leaver's hoodies
6. Year 3 African Drumming lessons
7. Contribution to Year 4/5 swimming lessons
8. New guided reading books for each year group
9. Contribution towards annual school supplies
10. Contribution to the school texting service and Parentpay

How you can get involved?

There are lots of ways you can help and support your child and the school through FOMS. Firstly, we are always looking for new members to join our Committee. We are a fun, friendly team of parents who enjoy planning events and being part of the greater Monkfrith Community. If you would like to find out more about what it means to be a committee member, please email us at friendsofmonkfrithschool@gmail.com

There are many other ways to support FOMS. Offering to help before events or at other times during the year is extremely valuable. It doesn't matter if you can't help on a regular basis or even if you cannot come into school. There are always jobs that can be done from home if you have an hour to spare e.g. wrapping gifts, preparing raffle tickets etc. FOMS couldn't achieve what it does without help from parent volunteers.

Other ways to get involved include:

1. If you or someone you know has a business, we are always looking for new partnerships with local businesses. This can include:
 - a. Sponsorship of FOMS at key events (i.e. sponsor the grotto rooms, bouncy castles etc)
 - b. Donation of Raffle Prizes
 - c. Match Fund an Event
 - d. One-Off Donations
2. Please let us know if you have any contacts or skills we could use, everything is potentially valuable to us
Becoming a Class Representative and acting as a liaison between FOMS and your class parent group
3. Organising a class-wide event in support of FOMS (coffee morning and/or evening out etc)
4. Supporting the Christmas and Summer Fairs by donating items needed, helping prepare ahead of the event, and volunteering an hour or more of your time during the event
5. Finally, one of the most important ways of supporting FOMS is to come to our events! It is a great opportunity to check us out, have fun and support the school and your children all at once

Upcoming Event – ****SUMMER FAIR** Saturday 22nd June 1-4pm at Monkfrith School**

Please join us for our upcoming Summer Fair. It will be a wonderful opportunity to see the school community at its finest.

On behalf of the school and pupils we would like to thank you for your valuable support. And welcome to FOMS!

From the FOMS Committee:

Morgan (Chair)	Jenny (Secretary/Trustee)	Pri (Treasurer/Trustee)
Miss Deasey (Trustee)	Carolyn H (Trustee)	Giuliana (Trustee)
Rupali (Trustee)	Maria (Trustee)	Carolyn A.
Svetlana	Valentina	Clare
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