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# FRIENDS OF MONKFRITH SCHOOL

an update from our PTA



## AUTUMN UPDATE



### THANK YOU

To all families that donated through the Happy Bags. Together we raised over £600!

To all children, teachers and volunteers organising this year's Christmas cards.

To all those that have sourced fantastic items for the auction and raffle.

To all volunteers new and old that are making all of this possible.

### THIS TERM'S ACTIVITIES

FOMS have been very busy this term organising a Christmas raffle and auction of sport collectable items and finding ways to bring some Covid-safe seasonal cheer. We are hoping to provide some winter fun and special Christmas-at-Home boxes for children to get into the Christmas spirit during this unsettling time - more information to come.

For further information or if you have any ideas or can help in any way please get in touch.

### DATES TO REMEMBER

**5th November: Fireworks dress down day. Come to school bright & colourful or sparkly & glittery. Please donate £1.**

**6th November: Deadline for ordering Christmas cards. Original drawing must be sent back to school.**

**4th December: Christmas dress down day. Wear something Christmassy and donate £1.**

**4th December: Raffle and auction bids deadline (Noon).**

## WHERE DOES MY MONEY GO?

Your fundraising continues to help fund vital activities and resources for our school. Here are just a few things FOMS have helped fund:

- A tablet for each class to help with digital skills, online learning and communication
- The new Arbor communication and payment system
- Online safety training for pupils, teachers and parents - coming soon
- Wordshark subscription to help with literacy
- £1,000 towards classroom supplies
- Year 6 leavers gifts
- Christmas entertainment for children

Last year your fundraising helped fund new books and the furnishing for the new school library, which will open once Covid-19 restrictions are lifted. Thankfully, our children have already started to enjoy the new books.

## HOW YOU CAN HELP OUR SCHOOL

### MATCHED FUNDING

Does your workplace match funds raised through volunteering or could they offer a raffle prize? If so please get in touch: we are always on the lookout for prizes and matched funding opportunities. By volunteering a few hours the money raised through activities like the raffle or auction could be doubled!

### ONLINE SHOPPING

We all have been shopping online a lot more lately and now you can raise vital funds whilst you do, and it's at no additional cost.

Easy Fundraising takes 5 minutes to set up on your desktop or laptop. It works with most retailer brands and supermarkets and is free to use. To date, we have 122 registered users that have raised over £2,000 with a click.

We are also pleased to announce we are now registered with Amazon Smile so that we can receive donations as you shop on Amazon. Please select 'Friends of Monkfrith School' from the link below, follow the instructions and keep on shopping!

Amazon smile: <https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1146032-0>

Easy fundraising: <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friendsofmonkfrith/>

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