

# Newsletter

## FRIENDS OF DISHFORTH SCHOOL FODS AUTUMN 2024

**Welcome** to our new families that join us this year. We hope you settle into the routine of school life here at Dishforth.

I have had the privilege of leading the Friends of Dishforth School for the past year. It has been a pleasure to work alongside the committee, parent, carers and supporters of our young people.

Jenny Crabtree – FODS Chair

This year we have had some exciting additions to our fundraising.. selling unwanted items on Vinted and Facebook and a new 'Charities Aid Foundation' account which means we can claim gift-aid – All are already generating £££.

Our financial accounts overlap each academic year. During 2023 –2024 we have had – disco, Christmas fair, change challenge, Dishfest,, Bags 2 School, ice pop sale, second hand uniform sales and donations.

As well as amazing efforts by our community in making bunting from recycled uniform and food donation to school and baking for school events.

FODS AGM was held on the 17th Oct – Thank you to those who attended, its lovely to have your support. I was re-elected as chair and consider this a huge honor to take us into the next academic and year and some of the exciting things we have in store.

Committee members: Kirstie Lowe accepted the position of shadow chair, Cat Nowland was appointed secretary and Ros Hudson as Treasurer. I would like to thank the officers and committee that remain by my side again for 24/25 – Katie Wilson, Kelly Days, Nicola Wells, Laura Hancock and Molly Dury. This Year we saw Mrs Chaplin EYFS and Mrs Cawood class 1 join the committee. A huge thank you to those who have already approached me with ideas suggestions and availability.

Any of these events take your fancy – Bingo, Beetle Drive, Pig race, Quiz night, Christmas disco, fashion show, painting pots, virtual balloon race, silent auction – watch this space.

FODS is a registered charity that helps to boost the funds of the school to enhance the children's education. Funds which are used to buy new trendy storage units, enhancing the library and provide subsidised travel.

The school budget doesn't stretch very far so our fundraising efforts help to buy those additional extras, that make a huge difference to our children experience whilst a school.

Since April 2023 – FODS has generated just over £6,500, and with money already in the account we have been able to spend just short of £10,000 on items such as storage for the library a VU logger, trips and buses as well as mini medic and art supplies.

Our next event is the **School Halloween 'glow' Disco** on the 26th October in the village hall, all children on roll at the school are invited to attend . Tickets are £5 through ParentPay including a picnic tea.

EYFS & Class1 @ 3:30 – 5pm, children must be accompanied by an adult – tea and coffee will be served.  
Class 2 & 3 – 5:30 – 7pm.

**Halloween Trail Maps** will be available before half term. This promises to be a fun trail around our village. Maps are £2 and can be purchased via school or at the pub.

**Christmas fair** will return to school, we will hold a rainbow raffle and serve tea and coffee alongside our much-loved children's entrepreneur games. – If you can spare some time to help set up it would be very much appreciated.

THANK YOU  
JENNY CRABTREE