



FoNS report and update 2021-2022

Dear All,

What a busy year we have had at FoNS, working hard to resume normal fundraising efforts. We would like to thank you all for your ongoing support, we are already looking forward to organising some more great events from September.

This year, FoNS have been able to give school £2000 towards enhancing our children's school experience. Successful events like the **fRUNdraiser**, **Easter Trail**, school **tea-towels**, **Christmas cards**, **Juke Box Mash-Up** and providing marshals for the **Corsham 10 km** have all helped us to raise this amount of money. The school will put this money towards The Learning Resources Hub subscription; this provides invaluable, high quality and accessible resources to support and extend the learning in every classroom. Sadly, for the first time in FoNS' existence, we have not been able to give the school the total sum of money needed for this subscription. A timely reminder that we need to get back to some of our pre-COVID events soon, and we look forward to your support with this.

The school grounds have benefited from the return of **Groundforce Day**, when over 70 members of the school community worked hard digging, weeding, planting and clearing. FoNS is not just about raising money; days like Groundforce Day are equally important.

Looking ahead to next year, we need to make a decision about **Fireworks** by the end of next week. This can be an amazing event, both in terms of having fun and raising lots of money for the school. However, it requires a committee of about 10 people to make it work. We are short of a few people to fill some key roles. If you can help, in any way, please contact Harriet as a matter of urgency harriet@friendsofnestonschool.org.uk

We are so pleased to have the **Big Neston Bike Ride** back on the calendar for next year. For those who have not been fortunate enough to attend before, this is such a special event where we get the Castle Combe Race Track all to ourselves for an evening of biking/scooting/skating. So, pop the 9th September in your diaries and bring your friends and family for a great evening to start the school year.

We finish with a huge "Thank You" to Jane Rourke, invaluable class rep and more recently FoNS secretary. Jane has worked so hard to support FoNS and our children, we have been lucky to have her. The fantastic Laura Holdship is stepping up to become the new secretary and we know that she will be equally fabulous.

FoNS is always looking for more help and fresh ideas. Please do get in touch with Harriet; we would really love to hear from you. As I was told when I was a new Willow parent many years ago "we are all Friends of Neston School" and what a privilege that is. The more financial (and Groundforce!) support we can provide then the better it is for all our children, who directly benefit from FoNS' fundraising.

Have a great summer, don't forget the Big Bike Ride in September!

Friends of Neston School