

# FOLVS

## AGM

For the new parents among you, FOLVS stands for Friends Of Langford Village School, in other words, we are the school's PTA. As we are a registered charity, each year we have an AGM where people step down from their roles and are then re-elected. This took place last night and I can confirm that we have almost elected a full committee. We are still on the lookout for someone who would be willing to step into the role as Nursery Class Representative. The role is not very involved, all that we ask is that you attend the monthly meetings and act as a communication vessel between the parents, school and FOLVS. If you would like to take on a more active role within the school, please do contact the Chair, Sharon Betterton via email: [sharonbetterton@outlook.com](mailto:sharonbetterton@outlook.com) /Facebook/Text: 07810 005033.

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

29 October – Halloween Fun Run  
14 November – Bag2School Drop  
9 December – Christmas Fete

## CURRENT TARGET FOR FUNDRAISING



£8,000
£7,000
£6,150
£6,000
£5,000
£4,000
£3,000
£2,000
£1,000

## Outdoor Learning Area

Some of you may have already noticed a structure on the playing field that looks rather like the outdoor learning area that we are trying to fundraise for. It turns out that the same company has been updating the nursery play area and they gave us a discount for building the two structures at the same time! So for those eagle eyed parents, you may have noticed that the "Total" next to Otis the Owl has changed to £8,000!! This means we are much closer to reaching our target! The outdoor learning area will be available to the children once it has been fitted with a whiteboard, hopefully in time for the winter weather!

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

### Christmas Cards

The deadline is fast approaching for getting your children's Christmas Card designs in. Please hand them in to your teacher by Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October!!



### Halloween Fancy Dress Fun Run

There will be a 3km run which will start at the school where you then make your way over to Langford Brook. There will be marshalls on the course pointing you in the right direction. You all make it back to school where you will be able to get a drink and a bacon sarnie. You will then be able to play Trunk or Treat on the playground. "What is Trunk or Treat?" I hear you ask! Well in a nutshell, there will be cars with their boots open and the boots will be decorated with a Halloween theme and there will be games to play either in the boot or on a table outside. There will be a prize for the best dressed child and for the best dressed family as well so hopefully parents will join in with the costumes. Unfortunately the family is unable to bring any dogs with them on the run, no matter how cute they may look in their costumes.



### Bag2School Collection

Please see letter attached with this newsletter for more details.



### Christmas Fete

This event will hopefully set you up with some fantastic presents ready for Christmas. Father Christmas will be there to meet the children in his grotto. There will also be a BBQ, mulled wine and mince pies so you will definitely feel festive. There will also be a raffle so keep an eye out for raffle tickets and details of the prizes will follow.

## **PAST EVENTS**

### **Back to School Disco**

The back to school disco was a lot of fun for the children, having Aaron Williams there to entertain them. Even though he kept them entertained for the duration, we were still able to raise £1,097 which is still a fantastic amount. Thank you to all the parents and staff who were there to help.

### **Barton Fleming**

If you were not aware, Barton Fleming Estate Agents run a scheme that helps the local schools. If you were to use them for selling or buying a house, please mention your connection to Langford Village School and we will get a bonus from their commission. As you can see from this snippet from their website, it can be very lucrative for us as a school:

“We pay hard cash to your school for any business you refer to us that results in us earning banked income. We pay 10% of any referred vendor commission fee, £100 for a buyer, £50 for anyone that uses our independent mortgage advisor and £20 for clients using our preferred solicitors. For example if we sold a detached house for £300,000 and the owner bought another property through us, irrespective of the purchase price, used our preferred solicitor and mortgage broker the typical payment to your school would be around £550! It would take 43 such referrals to buy a minibus. We pay out to your school fund within 7 days of earning the money ourselves.”

### **Easyfundraising**

Did you know that whenever you buy anything online - from your weekly shop to your annual holiday - you could be collecting free donations for the School? There are over 3,000 shops and sites on board ready to make a donation, including Amazon, John Lewis, Aviva, thetrainline and Sainsbury's – it doesn't cost you a penny extra! It's as easy as 1, 2, 3...

1. Head to <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/langfordvs/> and join for free.
2. Every time you shop online, go to easyfundraising first to find the site you want and start shopping.
3. After you've checked out, that retailer will make a donation to your good cause for no extra cost whatsoever!

There are no catches or hidden charges and FOLVS will be really grateful for your donations.