



# Friends of East Preston Infant School

## NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2023

Welcome to the first newsletter of the year from FEPIS!

### About us

We are a group of volunteer parents who give our time to create exciting experiences for the children of East Preston Infant School. As well as raising much-needed funds to help improve the school, we also aim to organise social events to help bring the community together.

### How we fundraise

Re-formed in 2021 after the pandemic, we manage to host several different activities each year. These include: three discos, a joint event with the East Preston Junior School, selling Christmas cards, colouring competitions and pre-loved uniform sales. If you have an idea for an exciting way to fundraise for the school, please contact us!

### Want to get involved?

We welcome any help from parents, teachers and friends and have a list of volunteers who commit some of their time to helping the PTA. Every little helps, whether this is volunteering some time for a school disco, wrapping lucky dip prizes, helping sell pre-loved uniform, writing grant applications and lots more! We work closely with Mrs New and the teachers and hold termly meetings to discuss different ways to fundraise for the school.

We thought you might want to meet the team and say hi to us on the playground if you get a chance!

**Co-Chair** – Claire (parent of child in Reception and Year 2)

**Co-Chair** – Becky (parent of child in Year 2 and Year 4)

**Treasurer** – Sharon

**Secretary** – TBC!

**Chief organisers/planners/decorators** – Carolina (parent of child in Year 2)

Scarlett (parent of child in Year 1 and Year 3)

### First FEPIS meeting

We held our first FEPIS meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> September. Thank you to everyone who attended. This was an opportunity to introduce ourselves and discuss some upcoming events this term.

As you can see, we currently have a space for a FEPIS secretary due to Becky stepping in as Co-Chair. Please see the attached poster, and if you think this could be you, please get in touch!

### Upcoming events

Below are some events that we have planned for this year!

#### 'Ghostly Gathering' school disco

Every academic year FEPIS hold three discos and we are pleased to announce our first disco will be on **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October** held for all year groups. Tickets will be available via the Weduc app and will be £3.50 each. We always need parent volunteers to help run this event and if you are able to spare some time, please let us know by Facebook/email! We will send out a reminder nearer the time for you to sign up.

In addition to this, there will also be a colouring competition for all children to enter if they wish. The most interesting/best decorated design will win a prize! Two winners from each year group will be picked and then given a prize on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October.

For this event to run successfully, we have found that a 'donation day' is really helpful. For this, we ask if your child can bring in either sweets, cakes or crisps (we will assign a specific item for each year group nearer the time). Further information will be sent later on via Weduc but look out for posters across the school and reminders on Facebook.

The timings for the discos will be:

3:30-4:30 Reception

4:45-5:45 Year One

6:00-7:00 Year Two

#### Christmas Fayre

We had a joint meeting with the Junior school on 20<sup>th</sup> September to discuss preparations for the Christmas Fayre which will take place on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December 5:30-7:30. Last year this was held at the Junior school but this year it is our turn! This has been a hugely successful event in the past and raises much needed funds for both schools. We are beginning to prepare for this event so if you know of any businesses that might be willing to support us (e.g. giving a voucher, donating a product for the raffle etc) please let us know.

#### Christmas cards

Similar to last year, we will be asking the children to create a Christmas design of their choice, with the possibility of their design being printed on Christmas cards as well as other items such as mugs and tea towels. Due to time restrictions in the school timetable, we would like the children to create their card designs at home and then post in the school post box which will be in the office. Details will follow soon.

### Other news: end of term/leavers' disco update

We really hoped the children enjoyed the last disco of the academic year. The Year 2 children were all given a leavers' book and bookmark as the final farewell. We are pleased to announce that **over £800** was raised. This is a fantastic amount so thank you!

### Contact us

If you are interested in joining the FEPIS team, please contact us at [fepis@epinf.co.uk](mailto:fepis@epinf.co.uk). We are also on [Facebook](#) and will use this as the main communication point, so please like our page to keep up to date with all announcements.

The FEPIS team