



Friends of East Preston School



FEPIS – Our School PTA

Half a term has flown by and Autumn has arrived. However, this is the first FEPIS newsletter of the academic year, so we would like to welcome all the new parents, carers and children who have started at the school this year. We hope they have settled well into their new class, are making new friends and enjoying all the wonderful experiences they get to participate in at the school, many supported and partly funded by FEPIS.

It has been lovely to see some new faces at our meetings! Thank you to those who have come along, shared ideas and given their support. If you haven't yet been, but would like to come along, everyone is welcome; no pressure to take part in anything, just come along, have a coffee and see what we are up to! Our next meeting is on the 19th January at 9am in the staffroom. Smaller children welcome.

Welcome Meeting



Thanks to all who came and enjoyed tea, coffee and croissants with us. Hopefully you got to chat with other parents, helpers and staff and were able to get to know the school a bit more.

Wizards and Witches Disco

We hope your children enjoyed the disco - it is always a popular event as the children love dressing up and dancing around with their friends and teachers (yes, they do join in!)



Many thanks for all of your donations and support for this event. Plus, a huge thank you to an overwhelming response for helpers at the discos! We apologise that we didn't require everyone's help, but please continue to support these events - the Christmas fayre is coming up and if we have just as many parents offering their help, people will only have to man a stall for a short period of time, meaning more time to spend at the fayre with their families.

Pounds for Ponds!

FEPIS has agreed to help fund a larger project that the school's staff wished for. We often fund smaller items to support learning but like to also take on larger projects that will be long lasting and visible to all parents and visitors. Projects in the past were the outdoor musical instruments, the climbing equipment on the figure of eight path and equipping the Solar Dome. These have made a huge impact on improving the environment of the school and enhancing learning.

And so, PROJECT POND is underway! We hope to fund a pond (or maybe 2) to be placed by the forest school area. It won't be just any pond! These are to be made with a special metal construction on top that can be removed if needed. It is however, safe enough and strong enough for children to lean over it (or even lay on it!) and pond dip through the metal. All the hard and soft landscaping will be done too, including planting. This will add another aspect to the outdoor learning environment, creating many opportunities for links with topics and other activities.



We need your help to vote in order to win up to £5,000 towards this project. So please go to the following website <https://community-fund.aviva.co.uk/voting/project/view/16-379> to register and cast your vote. You can have up to 10 votes per person so please tell your family and friends and encourage them to vote as well.

Pre-loved School Uniform

Our thanks go to Maria Beasley who has taken on the role of sorting through and cleaning the donated uniform, then storing it back at the school ready for sale. We hope to have a sale after half term - we will let you know the date as soon as it has been agreed. If you have GOOD CONDITION uniform that you wish to donate, there is a bin provided in the reception area.

Phil The Bag



This will be held on: Tuesday 8th November. For those of you new to the school, it is a great way to offload all of your unwanted clutter of the textile kind! So get sorting through old clothes, shoes, bags, etc... (see their website for further details) and place in any bag and simply bring to the school hall (via the side door) at school drop off. The class with the most bags will win a special non-uniform/dress up day! We'll send a call parents out nearer the time to remind you all!

If you are on Facebook, remember to 'like' our page: FEPIS - Friends of East Preston Infant School. We put regular updates and reminders on there of all things FEPIS.

Have a great half term everyone!

THE FEPIS COMMITTEE