



Dear Children, Parents and Carers,

### Increase to cost of school meals

The caterers have increased the cost of school meals across all Pickwick Schools, so from the 4th November these will now be £2.66.

### Non uniform and tombola donations—Fri 15th Nov

Pupils are invited to wear non uniform and if possible, bring a donation that will go to the tombola stand at the Christmas fair:

KS1—Toy, book and games

KS2—Bottles

### Lucky bauble & Christmas jumper swap shop

On the 29th Nov, pupils will be decorating their lucky baubles ahead of the Christmas fair. These are £5 to enter, with a prize to be won at the fair.

We were also approached by some pupils from Kites who were looking to do something for charity, so we decided to do a Christmas jumper swap shop ahead of Christmas jumper day on the 13th December. We will be welcoming any unwanted Christmas jumpers with the idea that they can be swapped for a different one, emphasising our reuse, recycle ethos. More info to come.

### Parent Consultations

These will be open to all tomorrow. You will receive an email letting you know they are open and how to book a slot, any issues please let us know in the office.

A reminder that we break up Tuesday next week, with Wednesday a teacher training day.

With Very Best Wishes

Emma Wilkinson

### Dates for the Diary 2024-25

**Friday 18th October**—Art exhibition, shadow puppet show & museum of learning

**Tuesday 22nd October**— Black Cat Boogie

**W/c 4th November**—Parent consultations

**Monday 11th November**— Bishop Andrew visiting

**Friday 15th November**—non uniform & tombola donations

**Friday 15th**—PCSO visit yr 4,5 & 6 Social Media & Internet Safety

**Friday 22nd November**—Open Morning 9-11am for prospective parents

**Friday 22nd November**—PCSO visit R & 1 intro to the police

**Wednesday 27th November**—Netball tournament

**Friday 29th November**—Lucky bauble & Christmas jumper swap shop

**Wednesday 20th November**—Height, weight and vision YR & Y6.

**Wednesday 27th November**—Flu immunisations

**Saturday 7th December**—Pitton Christmas Fair (11-1pm)

**Friday 13th December**— Salvation Army Christmas jumper day

**Thursday 19th December**—Panto Trip

**Friday 20th December**—Carol Service at St Peters

**Friday 10th January**—Open Morning 9-11am for prospective parents

**Wednesday 25th June**—Trafalgar open day (y5 pupils)

### Key

Whole School

KS1

KS2

Invitations via School Money

### Birthdays



Spencer, Amaru,  
Lara, Eldwyn, Ed-  
die, Finlay & Georgia

Remember you can wear your own clothes to school!

Pitton School



# Christmas Fair Fun!

Spread some festive cheer  
and make a difference  
to our school community!

07/12/2024

11.00 - 13.00

A MAGICAL AFTERNOON  
FOR ALL THE FAMILY.

SANTA'S GROTTO, CHRISTMAS CRAFTS,  
TRADE STALLS, RAFFLE,  
FACEPAINTING, BBQ, MULLED WINE,  
MINCE PIES AND MORE!





**BLACK CAT  
BOOGIE**

**TUESDAY 22 OCTOBER  
FROM 6 - 7 PM**

*We invite a £2 donation per child to cover running costs  
which can be given to your class rep or school reception.*



# Friends of Pitton School

## Pitton Parents - we need you!

Friends of Pitton School or FOPS is a group of volunteers who work together to support school and enrich the experience for our children. We raise money to pay for things the school budget can't cover and organise social events for the children and our wider community of families.

FOPS has two main objectives:

1. **FUNDRAISING:** every year we donate £1,500 to supplement classroom budgets. This funding is used by teaching staff to buy essential classroom resources such as books and pens. We also help to fund extracurricular activities including the coach transport for the Pantomime trip at Christmas - without this funding trips like this would not be able to run.
2. **FUN:** throughout the year, we host and run social events to enrich our children's time in school and bring together the wider school community. Pitch Up Pitton - our end of summer festival-style camp out - is a great example.

The majority of our funding comes from two events, the Christmas Fair and our annual Sponsored Walk - both FOPS organised events they generate a combined income of approximately **£3,000 per calendar year**.

## Volunteer-led

The FOPS committee (flip over to say hi!) is made up of a chair, treasurer, secretary and pre-loved uniform champion who are supported by classroom reps and an active group of parent volunteers who form sub-committees to lead and deliver the events that we run each year.

At the moment, our calendar of social events is made possible thanks to the generosity of a small number of parent volunteers. **To ensure we can continue our support of school, we need to enlist several new volunteers ready and willing to get stuck in.** FOPS brings so much to so many, we hope you'll help us make sure it can continue long into the future. Head to the next page to find out how you can help!

**Get involved >>** There are several ways you can get involved:

- Sign up as a parent volunteer - to find out more, message one of our committee members - contact numbers on page 3!
- Volunteer as part of an event sub-committee and run one of our social events.
- Take part in a sporting challenge or host a bake sale and fundraiser for FOPS.
- Volunteer at one of our events as a helper.

**2024 // 2025 FOPS Events >>** Volunteer gaps highlighted! Please let your class rep know if you can help run one of our forthcoming events for the 24/25 academic year.

<b>Event Description</b>	<b>Sub-Committee needed to lead and run the event</b>
<b>Black Cat Boogie</b> <b>Tuesday 22 October 2024</b> End of term Halloween disco	Lucy Johnson, Jen Judd and Immy O'Keeffe
<b>Christmas Fair</b> <b>Saturday 7 December 2024</b> All the fun of the festive season and a surprise visit from you know who...	Beth Boxall, Donna Austin, Hannah Gilby and Jess Parker
<b>World Book Day Bedtime Stories</b> <b>March 2025</b> It's back to school for a bedtime story and hot chocolate.	Requires a volunteer sub-committee
<b>Easter Egg Hunt</b> <b>April 2025</b> A clue-based hunt and chocolate egg prize.	Requires a volunteer sub-committee
<b>Pitch up Pitton</b> <b>July 2025</b> A festival-style event to see out term. Camping optional!	Led by Emma Lewy but requires a volunteer sub-committee

Before we sign off, a HUGE thank you to everyone who volunteers for FOPS, attends our social events, donates to support the work we do or generally gets stuck in - to each and every one of you a massive thank you for all that you do.

Here's to more fun and fundraising in 2024/5!

# Meet the FOPS team!

Emma Lewy, Chair



Lucy Johnson, Treasurer  
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Immy O'Keeffe, Secretary  
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Pre-loved Uniform  
Champion  
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Polly Williams  
Kites Class Rep  
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Meg Cooper  
Hawks Class Rep  
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Hannah Gilby  
Wrens Class Rep  
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## Active Parent Volunteers

Anna Clarke, Jen Judd, Jess Smith, Beth Boxall, Sarah Ackrill, Kim McKillop,  
Jules Robinson, Kate Cawthorne, Vicky Tomlinson, Marcella Castellano.

