

Newsletter March 23

Friends of North Stainley C of E school



Chair:

Richard Blenkinsop

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Mike Greathead

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Lindsay Greathead

Next FONSS Meeting:

Wednesday 19th April

starting 6pm at

The Bull in West Tanfield

**We hope you can join us
for our next fundraising
event:**

FONSS Family Event

Friday 19th May 2023

Further details to be confirmed shortly, but this event will be aimed at fun for parents and children alike.

Thank You Rachel

The FONSS team would like to say a huge thank you to Rachel Stelling for all her help with FONSS – often on a weekly basis! In particular, Rachel's work on the Lightwater Valley 10k was a key reason it ran so smoothly and will leave a big gap to fill.

We wish Rachel all the best and hope to see you at some of our future events!

The Lightwater Valley Challenge



FONSS would like to say a **HUGE** thank you to everybody that helped in every capacity – this is our biggest event of the year, both in terms of money raised, but also in terms of the amount of effort involved and we couldn't have done it without you.

Parents, grandparents, carers, teachers, school staff and local villagers helped with everything including hamper donations, marshalling, warmup, timing, registration, raffle sales, social media, raising awareness locally and gathering donations and sponsorship – all of these separate things came together and contributed to the event and ultimately to raising more funds for the school.

We had over **200 runners** on the day and are delighted to announce that the event raised a fantastic **£3,400!**

Feedback from the entrants has been very positive – multiple people praised the encouragement received from the friendly marshals and particularly the children out on the course cheering them on!

We are already planning ahead to make next year's Lightwater Valley Challenge even bigger and better – if you have any feedback or ideas then please get in touch!



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EasyFundRaising

If you are an internet shopper (who isn't?) then please kindly sign up to this fantastic scheme that raises money for the school every time you shop at thousands of major high street brands.

The best thing is, it doesn't cost you a penny!

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/northstainleyceprim/>

FONSS are delighted to have recently funded:

- £271 to cover the cost of the class 1 trip to Ilkley Toy Museum
- £106 to provide the year 6 children with leavers hoodies and mugs
- £234 to cover the cost of the Shakespeare workshop enjoyed by all children

Volunteering

It's not all about donations - raising money for FONSS takes a HUGE amount of time and effort from everyone involved, so we do welcome anyone who would like to help us. From giving a few hours of your time to help with events, to organising your own fundraising ideas and events - every little bit helps!



The FONSS 100 Lottery

The FONSS 100 lottery is a great way to raise money for the school, whilst giving something back by offering players a chance to win big cash prizes.

For a standing order of **only £5 per month**, you can enter our quarterly draw with 3 guaranteed cash prizes.

The more people that join, the bigger the prizes and the more we can contribute to the school - if we sold all 100 numbers the top prize would be £375 and the school would receive £750

Please visit the [FONSS 100 lottery page](#) on the school website or register via our online application form [HERE](#)

“Make It Last” – School Uniform Recycling

Did you know that FONSS run a school uniform recycling project?

Extending the life of clothing by 9 months can reduce our carbon footprint by up to 10% and help to reduce the 350,000 tonnes of clothes that are added to landfill every year.



If anybody would like to donate old school uniform, PE clothes or footwear that is in good condition then please either bring to school or contact FONSS at FONSSGroup@Gmail.com

If anybody would like any items from the scheme, please contact the school or FONSS at FONSSGroup@Gmail.com

School Connect Project Recycling Bin

You may have noticed the recycling bin that has been placed in the car park of the Staveley Arms?

This is part of the School Connect project - by recycling unwanted clothing, shoes, bags, belts and accessories you're raising money for the school & saving UK landfills too!

