

Newsletter December 22

Friends of North Stainley C of E school



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NORTH STAINLEY
SCHOOL

Chair:

Richard Blenkinsop

Treasurer:

Mike Greathead

Secretary:

Lindsay Greathead

Next FONSS Meeting:

6:30pm on Wednesday

11th January at

The Staveley Arms

**We hope you can join us
for the following
fundraising event:**



Sunday 5th March 2023

All change!

Over the last 6 months there has been a change of committee members with a new Chair, Secretary and Treasurer all appointed. FONSS would like to say a huge thank you to Sarah McGavin, Amy Watson & Kate Khan for their help over previous years.



Christmas Fair – Thank You!

FONSS would like to say a HUGE thank you to everyone who donated prizes, attended, bought raffle tickets and generally made our Christmas Fair a big success.



Having added everything up, we raised a whopping £860!!

This will go a long way towards supporting the school, as well as helping our local community. Additional funds were raised for the Ripon Walled Garden by the key stage 2 children's enterprise scheme and the church raised funds by providing their usual, excellent refreshments.

We would like to say a special thank you to parent helper Sarah Lloyd-Wood for her support, both in advance, coordinating the amazing raffle prizes and on the day helping in a number of capacities.



Thanks also go to everyone involved in the school nativity, from the staff that give their time, to the members of FONSS who organised the raffle and refreshments, to the parents who support us. We raised over £100 at this event alone!

FONSS are delighted to have recently funded:

- £950 to cover the cost of the buses for swimming lessons
- £250 for Code4Kids to teach the children about coding, robotics & ICT
- £325 to cover the cost of the coach to the pantomime

**As you can see the funds raised really do contribute
towards great opportunities and benefits for the children.**

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Did you know?

FONSS donates an average of **£6000 per year** to the school!
That's almost £120 per child!

As you can imagine, all that fundraising is challenging, but this page details some of the really easy ways you can help us out this year.

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.

It doesn't cost you a penny!

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

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 get involved. From giving a few hours of your time to help with events, to organising your own fundraising ideas and events - every little bit helps us continue with the good work

Please contact any member of FONSS for further information about any of our fundraising schemes or events.

The Lightwater Valley Challenge - 10k Run & 3k Fun Run

As we head towards the new year, our focus is starting to turn to the biggest fundraising event in our calendar - this year we are hoping to entice **400 runners** with an aim to raise **£5000**.

The run will take place on Sunday 5th March 2023.

SAVE THE DATE

This event takes a huge amount of organisation and relies upon the very generous support of our local community volunteers to make it a success - we need a staggering **40 volunteers** for things to run smoothly.



So, if you can support us as a race marshal, at race registration or in any other capacity then please let us know.

We are having a very special FONSS meeting in January that will focus on the run, everybody welcome, please come along and get involved. The meeting will take place at:

6:30pm, Wednesday 11th January at The Staveley Arms

Or if you are a runner then sign up now & spread the word at:

racebest.com/races/hx9f6

We are also looking for local company sponsorship, so if you know anybody that would be interested in helping their community whilst advertising to 400+ runners then please let us know!



The 100 Lottery

For a standing order of only £5 per month, you can enter our quarterly draw with 3 guaranteed cash prizes! The more people who join, the bigger the prizes and the more we can contribute to the school - last year the lottery raised over £300!

Please visit the FONSS 100 lottery page on the school website or contact FONSS directly for an application form