



It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas!

Amidst all the festive hustle and bustle, the endless to-do lists, present shopping and Christmas events we want to take a moment to say a HUGE thank you to everyone who has generously donated their time, energy, and enthusiasm to support FODS initiatives this term.

Thanks to all the incredible efforts, **we've raised a staggering £6,948.90!** This amazing total will go towards funding extra resources and activities that will truly enhance the lives of all the children at school.

Here's how we've made this happen together...

The school hall was buzzing with festive cheer as Christmas music filled the air and families came along to support our Christmas Fair. This year, FODs wanted

to create a fair full of fun for the children with games, face painting, glitter tattoos, stalls and a raffle, hopefully something for everyone. And, of course, it wouldn't be Christmas without mince pies and a little glühwein for the adults to keep the festive spirit flowing!



Once again we were also lucky enough for Father Christmas to pop into school from the North Pole so children and families could visit him in his Christmas grotto out in the school playground.

A huge thank you to everyone who volunteered, donated prizes or bottles, or came along to support the fair. We hope everyone had a fantastic time and together **we raised an incredible £1,365.37!**

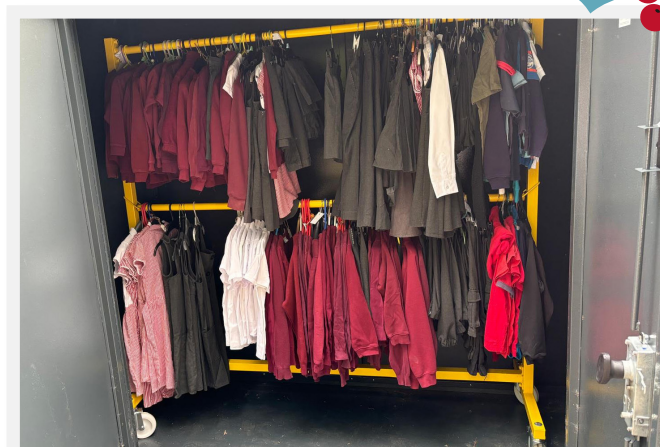


The very next day, the festivities continued with the Saddleworth Round Table's Santa Dash. By purchasing tickets through FODs, we received 50% of the ticket value, **raising an incredible £429.10!** Thank you so much to everyone who chose to buy their tickets through us.

We also hope you loved seeing your children's fabulous Christmas artwork transformed into cards, mugs, magnets, and more! Your support for this creative initiative helped us raise an impressive £425.00.

The fun and chaos of Break the Rules Day was embraced with dressing up, wacky hairstyles, face paints and festive jumpers. **Thanks to all who supported this initiative raising an amazing £402.43.**

With these events, after-school tuck shops, and donations for preloved school uniforms, it's been a wonderful start to the term of fundraising!



A Look Back at the Start of the School Year

It might feel like a distant memory now, but at the start of the term, FODS welcomed Reception families and carers by hosting a coffee morning. It was a great chance for new families and carers to meet each other and settle into school life.

Furthermore FODs also supported the Year 6 Buddy Assembly by providing

books for the Year 6 buddies to give to the new Reception children, welcoming them into school. At the start of term FODs agreed to **donate £100.00 to each class** for teachers to spend on whatever they need. Previously this money has covered a variety of useful items, from wet play games to classroom essentials.



Sponsorship Week was another big hit!

The children gave it their all, running laps of the school grounds, some even in fancy dress! Congratulations to Class 1, who raised the most and won the FODs prize of £100. They decided to spend their winnings on a movie day with snacks as well as putting money towards new games and activities for the class. **Overall, the event raised an incredible £2,693.70!** ★



In October, FODs participated in a charity night at Playhouse 2, where ticket sales of 'Girl on the Train' went directly to our funds. It was a brilliant evening and **raised a fantastic £950.00.**

Even further back in the summer, FODS launched the first-ever Fairy Garden Trail through Dobcross. The local residents really embraced the idea, creating magical fairy

gardens in their own gardens for children and families to discover and enjoy as they walked around the village. It was a great summer holiday activity with positive feedback and we hope to do another trail next summer as this **year it raised £419.00**



A huge thank you to everyone who supported these events, it's been a fantastic start to the school year enabling FODs to fund the shortfall in school trips and covering the cost of the coach for the Christmas panto.

We will also be **funding £1000** worth of sensory equipment for the new sensory and well being area in school as well as **music instrument bags for the early years (£528.20) and new atlases for KS1 & KS2 (£285.00).**

Special thanks to our School Gardeners for making the grounds and the front of the school look so lovely throughout the term but currently looking so festive.

And our thanks also goes to the Shady Gardeners who also make the area outside of school at the stone circle such a fun creatively seasonal themed area throughout the year.



Date for your Diary

Get ready for Disco Night on Friday 28th February! Last year's disco was a huge hit, with fantastic feedback from the children, so we're excited to bring it back for another fun-filled evening. Further details in the New Year.

We're always on the lookout for volunteers to help at our events. If you're interested in getting involved, why not join FODS? Everyone is welcome at our meetings, and we're always eager to hear new ideas. Just email us at: friendsofdobcrossschool@gmail.com

As you can see, it's been a busy but incredibly successful fundraising term. A big thank you to everyone for your generous contributions.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

The FODS Team.

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