



Well that first half term flew by, didn't it?

Just like the new Reception children settling into school life alongside their parents and carers, we, the newly formed FODS team have also been finding our feet in our respective roles so FODS can continue to support the school. And what a busy half term it has been!

First of all, we're excited to introduce a new initiative, this termly newsletter with a goal to keep you informed and updated with all of FODS' fundraising news and upcoming events. So, here's a quick summary of some of the activities we've organised so far.

To kick start the new school year we organised a coffee morning to welcome the Reception parents and carers. It gave them an opportunity to get to know each other, chat with Miss Travis and to meet some of the FODS team and hear about what we do. It also helped support them on how to settle into those first few weeks of school. It was a great turnout and the cakes were pretty good too!



This year, we have provided all the Reception children with a book as a welcome gift from the Year 6 buddies. The Year 6 children gave out the books to their buddy in the Buddy Assembly ensuring everyone received a present of the same value. This is something FODS hope to continue providing for years to come.

We've also introduced another new initiative starting his week – Sponsorship Week. Children can take part doing a fun activity and ask family and friends to sponsor them, helping raise funds for FODS. The children can get as creative or active as they like with the aim to have some fun along the way. Once completed, please put any sponsorship money in a sealed envelope with the relevant class on the front and post it in the FODS letter box at the school entrance by **Monday 30th October**.

Thank you to everyone who has supported this so far. The class that raises the most amount of money will win **£100** for a class treat!

Before you can say 'ho ho ho' Christmas will sneak up on us faster than Father Christmas down a chimney!

In the spirit of all things merry and bright the children have been designing Christmas cards in school and should have now returned home with an order form with their bespoke design. If you would like to order any cards or gifts featuring your child's design, please place your orders by **25th October**.

All items will be delivered to school in December offering another opportunity to raise funds for FODS.



Continuing with the festive theme, if you were thinking of taking part in the **Saddleworth Santa Dash** this year then there's a last chance to buy your tickets from FODS this **Friday 20th October** after school. Opting to buy from us you're not only supporting this great event but the Round Table will contribute 50% of the cost back to FODS.

In fact, it's more cost effective to buy from us as you'll save on the booking fee. Thanks to everyone who came to buy their tickets on Monday we almost sold-out! Luckily, we've secured some more tickets from the Round Table so dash with your cash this Friday to grab the last of our tickets!

And finally, we'll be celebrating the end of school by selling some delicious donuts for £1 on Friday after school. (And don't worry about the calories, just run them off at the Santa Dash in December!)



As you can see it has been a busy term for a newly formed group so we'd like to extend huge thanks to everyone who has supported us and donated to FODS.

We really appreciate it as it means we're able to continue to provide enriching activities and resources for all of the children across the school.



We'd also like to take this opportunity to thank both the school gardeners for keeping the school grounds looking so lovely as well as the **Shady Gardeners** for their continued efforts in the upkeep of the area in front of the school, it currently looks spooktacular!



We've lots more planned including the Christmas Fair and a School Disco in February (details to follow) as we've now received a list of items (big and small) from school and we're looking into how best to fund them. In the past FODS have raised funds for 30 iPads, a reading scheme, sports equipment, trips and visitors in school to name just a few.

We hope to continue to raise funds for such items so we're always open to new ideas so perhaps you would like to join us? Everyone is welcome and we're keen to hear new thoughts.

Alternatively, if you can ever volunteer at any of our events (in any capacity), we'd love to hear from you!

You can contact us through **Facebook** – '**FODS Friends of Dobcross**' or you can always ask any of us if you catch us in the playground at pickup/drop off.

Here's to a happy half term holiday!
The FODS Team.

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