# Friends Of Newchurch School Committee

## 2021 – 2022 Newsletter



Hello! We are the Friends Of Newchurch School Committee and we are a friendly bunch who enjoy thinking up and organising new ways of raising funds for our lovely school, St Mary's CE Primary Academy.

We would like to take this opportunity to say Thank You for all your generous donations and help that parents, grandparents, carers and the local villagers give us in our efforts. Your support is invaluable.

Here is a list of all the amazing things you have helped to achieve over the last twelve months....

#### July 2021

End of the school year party. FONS provided party lunch, hats, balloons and games with prizes. Special personalised hoodies were gifted to the year 6 leavers.

#### November 2021

Chester Zoo provided the school with a complimentary day out and FONS were able to fund the coach trip to ensure all children could attend.

We loved the idea of incorporating a quiet place for the children to sit along with a memory bench to Harry Lee. Our wonderful Buddy Bench was designed and supplied with the FONS funds.



#### December 2021

We held a 'name the sloth' and a Santa Dash fundraiser. Raising £432. Christmas party was provided in school by FONS, including Christmas lunch, party games and prizes. We also had a visit from Father Christmas with a gift for each child. A PA system was purchased by FONS for school for school discos, parties and events.

#### January 2022

Our football team made it to the Lancashire KS2 Small Schools County Finals and FONS were able to provide their coach journey.

#### February 2022

FONS provided prizes for a Valentines Card competition and Loveheart sweets for all. The year 5 & 6 children all enjoyed a few days at Low Mill and FONS were able to provide their coach costs.

#### March 2022

New blinds and a dining table were top of the wish list and FONS funds meant we were able to supply these to school immediately. New Chrome Books and an IPAD were also desperately needed and FONS came to the rescue!

#### April 2022

EQ/FONS Fashion Show & supper at The Pendle Inn.



The evening was a sell out! And raised a massive £1376. EQ Woman will be donating 20% of sales made to ticket holders on the evening and throughout May to FONS. Thank you Zilpah. We also had a huge response with donations for the raffle from school families as well as the wider community!

### May 2022

A refurbishment of the library became a top priority and this month we have been able to supply some lovely comfy bean bags & stools to make a cosy corner of the school more inviting. They are weatherproof too, so hopefully they can be enjoyed outside when the weather becomes warmer!



Coming in July 2022..



. A Fundraiser by Friends of Newchurch School Committee Please come along to our next meeting and meet the team, see what we get up to, help plan events, throw about ideas for new ones, or just pop along for a biscuit! They don't last long and are held in the hall after school. Please check out the Friends Of Newchurch School Facebook page for notifications of the next meet.

> "Thank you for taking the time to read our newsletter. We hope you can join us in the future for some exciting fundraisers for our special school. Many thanks" Laura Standring - FONS Chair

#### Upcoming Events:

Takeaway Cream Tea 15<sup>th</sup> July 2022 End of school year party and goodbye to the Year 6 Cheese & Wine evening in School Christmas Party



Club - Monthly draw with three cash prizes each month £3 / number. Contact Pia Lyle if you wish to join

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