

# Friends Of Newchurch School Committee

## 2022 – 2023 Newsletter



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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 all the amazing things you have helped to achieve over the last twelve months....

### July 2022

With thanks to Pendle Pat a Cakes and The Cabin, Barley we baked up some delicious scones for our Takeaway Cream Tea. These were sold after school along with a well-attended tombola. A jamtastic total of £380 was raised!

We said goodbye to some of our St Marys family and FONS funds were able to provide a special gift in the form of leavers hoodies.

Ice cream was also provided to all on the last day of term and candy floss was kindly donated by a year 6 parent.



### December 2022

Christmas fundraisers included an Elf raffle, chocolate tombola and a sponsored Jingle Jive. An amazing amount of £678 was raised. From the fundraising funds, FONS was able to provide elf hats and chocolate coins for the jingle jive, Christmas lunch for all children along with a gift and a visit from Father Christmas himself!



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

### March 2023



A Mother's Day card competition was held during school and FONS committee member, Alannah, arranged for T-Shirts to be made from the winning entries. What a lovely gift for two lucky mums!


### April 2023

We held a boat race in Barley and had the children selling boat entries to friends and family. The Cabin and The Pendle Inn also helped out by selling boats. We had lots of fun cheering the boats on! And raised £542.



### May 2023

Rt Hon Andrew Stephenson CBE MP

  
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24 May 2023

Dear Ms Herimansen,

I am writing to congratulate the Friends of Newchurch School on being shortlisted for the PTA Community Initiative of the Year award.


Parentkind have told me that the Friends were nominated for the award for putting on a Father's show that both showcased a local boutique and raised funds for the school library too through tickets and a raffle.

I was pleased to learn about the involvement of pupils in putting up posters to advertise the event, helping to sell tickets and sourcing prizes for the raffle.

It must have been a brilliant occasion and it's a great achievement that you managed to raise over £1,000 for St Mary's.

Whilst I understand that another group won the Community Initiative award, the Friends of Newchurch School should be very proud of the good work they are doing. The school is fortunate to have such a great source of support.

Yours sincerely,

  
The Rt Hon Andrew Stephenson CBE MP

FONS entered the Parentkind National PTA awards with our 2022 Fashion Show and were shortlisted for the Community Initiative Award. We didn't win but it is amazing to see our hard work being recognised!

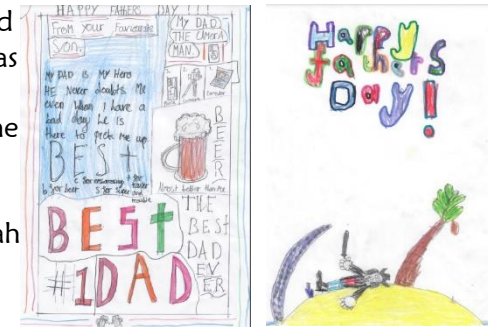


Outside lighting in the yard was next on the wish list and we have set aside the funds for this. School is awaiting the go-ahead from Cidari before work can commence.

The EYFS outdoor area is in need of extensive work to make it a fun, usable space. Unfortunately school was denied a grant to transform the area so FONS have agreed to donate up to £5000 and help find the man power to help.

### June 2023

A Father's Day card competition was held during school time and again a T-Shirt was made from the winning entries. Local villager & ex-governor Mrs Mayor had the tough job of picking the winners!



Thank you to committee member Alannah for providing these wonderful gifts.

### July 2023



Summer Fair including Cream Tea held in school. Including a bouncy castle, games, music, tombola, tuck shop & more!

Leavers celebration on last day of term. Good luck to all our year 6 leavers and their families. We will miss you!

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 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 in 2023:**  
EYFS Outdoor area campaign  
November - Fashion Show with EQ Woman & The Pendle Inn  
December - Christmas Lunch & special guest