



Friends Of Columbia

Spring Term

Dear Parents/Carers,

Last term was a great success for Friends Of Columbia (FoC) and all of its volunteers with a well attended Book Swap, the bread stall run every Tuesday and Friday after school, our Pop up Shop on Columbia Road's Christmas Wednesdays, Family Friday Coffee Mornings and, of course, the Winter Fair.

Thank you also to **Lena** for chairing the FOC committee and **Steph** as secretary for so many years! Also thank you to **Janette** as secretary for the past year and, of course, to all the volunteers who have and still continue to give their time and gifts. We really appreciate all your support!

HALF TERM

Fri 28th Feb
Columbia Coffee Morning

Mon 2nd March
FOC meeting

Thurs 5th March
Book Swap (*after world book day*)

Mon 4th May
FOC meeting

Book Swap

The book swap is run once a term in the middle hall, straight after school. The next one is on **Thurs 5th March**. Each child can bring old books and swap them for **up to 5 new books**. Drop off your books with the adult at the front table who will give you up to 5 raffle tickets which you exchange for any book you find on the rest of the tables around the hall. Refresh your bookshelves at home for free!

Ways we RAISE money for school

- Bread sale (donated by Fabrique) - Tuesdays and Fridays (£300 per month)
- Summer and Winter Fairs (£1500 each fair)
- easyfundraising (£50 per month)
- Our own Pop up Shop at Columbia Road's Christmas Weds (£700)
- Christmas Cards

Ways we SPEND money for school

- Subsidising cost of school trips
- Transport for school trips
- Sleeping bags for residential trips
- Books
- ipads
- Musical instruments



Raise Money with Easy Fundraising

easyfundraising.org.uk helps Columbia Primary School raise money when you shop online. It works in a similar way to many other loyalty shopping sites, but instead of earning points when you shop, you raise a donation for your cause instead. You can shop with over 2,000 well known stores and each will donate up to 15% of the value of the money you spend.

Visit www.easyfundraising.org.uk and search for Friends of Columbia Primary School.

So far 77 parents have signed up - **if all parents signed up we could raise as much as £150 per month!**

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Meet the Friends of Columbia (FoC) Committee! We are a friendly bunch of parents with children across all years getting together on a regular basis to make sure we support the school with raising vital funds, but also to organise events that make Columbia Primary school a welcoming and fun place for all. **If you see us around, please reach out to us! We'd love to hear from you!**

I'm **Janice**, co-chair of **Foc**, East ender, Mum of 3, artist, cyclist, part-time OT - keen to help make our little corner of this wonderful world cleaner and greener.



My name is **Abul**. I'm the **treasurer of Foc**. I have two children at Columbia. I love reading the amazing books that the children bring home to read together.



My name is **Isabel**. I'm the new **Chair of FoC**. My daughter Lola is in Reception (my daughter Nina will join the school in a few years), so I am a new parent here at this school.



My name is **Gwen** - mum of Truman (year 4) and **Parent Governor**.



I'm **SJ** and I am **co-treasurer** with Abul. I have Zachary in year 5, Arlais in year 3 and Harrison in year 1 and we all love Columbia School!



Plans for this term...

- Raising awareness of easyfundraising
- Re-designing parents room
- Book Swap on 6th March
- Crowdfunding for books on World Book Day
- Ordering new vests for school trips
- Funding for more ipads in school (for accelerated reading)

How do I get involved?

FOC meet on the 1st Monday of every month after family reading, come along and find out more about how to get more involved. We are also seeking **class advocates** to help us spread the word about the FoC activities, email if you are interested.

Email friendsofcolumbiaprimery@gmail.com to be added to the Whatsapp FoC group

You can join in through social media too: Friends Of Columbia.

