

Friends of Norton School (FoNS) **Spring 2019 Update**

We wanted to take this opportunity to update you on what has been going on over the last few months and the impact your support has made to the children attending Norton School.

The **Christmas Fair** was the most successful yet thanks to all your donations, your support on the day, and to all those who helped run a stall. We couldn't do it without you so a massive thank you. The **Christmas Jumper photos** proved popular too! – I hope these brought smiles to your families...!

This year to support the **filming of the Infant Nativity**, we teamed up with Bruton-Cox Media who very kindly filmed the nativity free of charge for us, with sales from the protected downloads of the nativity going to support Stroud Court, Home for Autistic Adults. The infants did a fabulous job and it is really important to FoNS to continue to be able to provide this special memento for parents & guardians.

Another thank you must go to Tina Simpson & her bucket! – which pushed the funds raised in the first term to the £2000 mark! This was an unexpected activity to FoNS and the gesture was greatly appreciated.

The **raffle for Cheltenham races** raised over £300 – Thank you to all that supported and congratulations to the lucky winner – we hope you had a fabulous day.

It was great to see so many children who “**Glowed at that Easter Disco**” which was a lot of fun and managed to raise over £300.

For those Juniors who attended Young Voices in January, FoNS was able to ensure each child had a **torch to shine during the concert** – it was so atmospheric when all you could see were the children shining their lights.

We were also really pleased to be able to provide an **Easter Egg to every child** in the school. This was done in combination with donations made from Gloucester and Churchdown Tesco stores. – A big thank you to them.

With the success of this year and funds raised from last year's summer fair, we are really proud to have fulfilled our ambition to

fund 8 new laptops for the school!

These laptops are top of the range and will enable our pupils to develop their programming and computing skills as well as access many areas of the curriculum.

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So, what's coming up?

The big focus for our fundraising now is:

**to support the refurbishment of a new library complete
with bookcases and books**

The Summer Fair will be our main event – **being held on Friday 21st June** after School Sports day. Requests for donations of Toys / Bottles / Cakes will be going out in due course. If anybody is available to help on the run up to the Fair or on the day, please let us know as all offers are gratefully received and help us be able to put on events like these for all to enjoy.

So, some dates for the diary!

Saturday 8 th June:	Walk & Picnic raising funds for Starlight Ward.
Friday 21 st June:	School Sport Day, followed by the Summer Fair!
Wednesday 10 th July	Junior Play
Thursday 11 th July	(FoNS will be providing refreshments & currently trying to find a way to provide a video of the play)
Friday 19 th July:	Leavers Disco
Monday 22 nd July:	Merit Assembly

A huge thank you from FoNS and Mrs Farren to everyone who supports FoNS; this really does make a difference to the education of our children here at Norton School.

Our next meeting is on Monday 10th June, 7.15pm at School – All welcome.

Kate & Penny