

Friends of St James' (FSJ)

Autumn Newsletter

Charity No. 1059370

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Welcome

A huge welcome to all the new parents, carers and children and thank you to all those who attended our AGM earlier this week. The Friends of St James (FSJ) is our parent teacher fundraising group that supports the school in securing resources and equipment for the benefit of all students. When your child starts St James' you automatically become a Friend of St James. We are always looking for new ideas and suggestions as well as volunteers to support fundraising events. Please do get in touch with the school if you have ideas or would like to help, particularly if you would like to get involved with the committee (see further below).

Diary Dates – Term 2

Tuesday 14th - Friday 17th November - [Book Fayre](#) after school each evening

Wednesday 15th November - [Books at Bedtime](#) - children to return to school in their PJs for hot chocolate, biscuits and stories.

Saturday 25th November – [Children's Nearly New and Bake Sale at the Village Hall 2 - 4pm](#)

Throughout December – [Weekly Christmas Games in school](#)

Saturday 2nd December - [Church Christmas Bazaar – Alderholt Village Hall](#)

Friday 15th December - [Christmas Carol Event](#) - Stalls to include a raffle, refreshments, lucky dips, tombola and more!

More details to follow in the coming weeks.



Alderholt Village Hall - Saturday 25th November from 2-4pm.

Grab a table to sell good quality children's toys and clothes or come along to pick up some early Christmas presents (£1 entry per adult)!

If you want to sell, [Tables will be priced at £10 each.](#)

Table proceeds go to FSJ. Profits from stalls go to each stall holder.

Limited number of tables which will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

[Please contact Clare Summers on 07585113738 to book a table.](#)

Refreshments and children's activities available!



Are you interested in being part of the new FSJ committee?



Following two years of joint chairing Claire Balston and Clare Summers are standing down from their roles in January and the FSJ are looking for new committee members. As a charity, we legally need to have a Chair, Vice Chair (or Joint Chairs), Treasurer and Secretary. Carla Heath will continue as Secretary, but all other roles will need to be filled to keep FSJ in business. **If you are interested in joining the committee then please let one of us know or email: office@alderholt.dorset.sch.uk**

We are fully aware of how daunting it may seem to take on one of these roles, especially with the ever increasing number and size of events that FSJ run. We are excited for this opportunity to use the amazing FSJ community to help and support the handover. To do this we have made the decision to move to a new structure where a team of volunteers will take on individual events to independently organise and run. More details to follow.

Thank you all for the support you have given us since we joined the committee. It's hard to believe that only 2 years ago we had no volunteers to help at events other than the 4 committee members! Since then we have had more and more people getting involved and helping FSJ become the amazing community that it is today!

THANK YOU!

FSJ could not put on these events without the support we receive from families and the school staff. THANK YOU. Every penny counts and contributes towards the children's learning and fun.

Scroll down to see what we have all achieved over the last academic year!

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