

# FOSC CORNER

Summer 2020

Let's start the summer with some really good news. We have hit our target for the **£12,000** we were aiming for the new Chromebooks. This means that, hopefully, the school can then buy them in the autumn term. Well done and thank you to everyone who supported us and helped us achieve this number despite being in lockdown for the last 3 months.

We would like to wish you and your families a lovely summer and look forward to starting back with our events and fundraising in the autumn.

Your FOSC team

**Annie, Annette, Alison and Julie**

## FOSC WEBSITE



[www.friendsofstcatherines.co.uk](http://www.friendsofstcatherines.co.uk)

This will help us share news and updates with you.

The website will be regularly updated with FOSC news and information.

You can sign up to receive news about events & fundraising there too.

Come and see what's been going on!

[hello@friendsofstcatherines.co.uk](mailto:hello@friendsofstcatherines.co.uk)



## Whole School Relay

**On Saturday 20th June**, we organised our first ever whole school relay. We had 106 families sign up and 145 children took part. Since lockdown all fundraising by the Friends of St Catherine's had come to a stop, no summer fete, no school discos and no Y6 Leavers party – no fun! So we thought we'd try something new and try and unite our school community and what fabulous day it was! Thank you to **Laura Adams** for her support from beginning. Laura spent lots of time organising and planning the 21 mile route. The children smashed it and completed the whole route in just over 4 hours, much faster than we had anticipated. A big thank you also to **Lorna Catchpole**, **Paul Liddiard** and **Lilly Adams** for being part of the cycling support team along the whole route on the day – you helped make the whole event run smoothly and kept everyone up to date with how far we'd got. Lorna's enthusiastic live streams from the front of her bike were a super special addition. Thank you everyone who supported us and also to Mrs Leslie and all the staff who took part and cheered us around the town. Plus we raised over **£3,000**. If you would like to see some photos from the day please visit our website [www.friendsofstcatherines.co.uk](http://www.friendsofstcatherines.co.uk). We also made it in to the Mercury which made it extra special.

## Ware Town Council

We also received **£250** from Ware Town Council as a result of our whole school relay on Saturday 20th June. Laura Adams got in touch with local shops we were passing to ask if they would like to be involved. As a result Ware Town Council had a Covid19 Grant and made an award to us!! Thank you Laura and Ware Town Council.

## Y6 Leavers

We were really sad this year that we were unable to provide the year 6 leavers with the usual pool party, fun, food and VIP area at the summer discos. We hope you enjoyed your year book; remembering your happy times at St Catherines. FOSC were happy to pay for these on behalf of the school. Good luck to each and every one in your new life at secondary school.

### Preloved Uniform

We know that times may be harder than usual for some families so we have been collecting donations of school uniform that we are happy to provide for anyone who feels they might benefit. Please contact Laura Adams via fb or on 07931 142 183. Laura has made a list of what we have available. If you would like to you can make a donation to FOSC in return please go to <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/foscware/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=28361#.Xw9bhyhKg2w>

### Bags to School

Thank you to everyone who had a clear out and bought in bags of old clothes for Bags2Schools collection. We had a lots of donations so hopefully we should get a nice little cheque in return. Thank you to Julie Hughes and Mrs Fitts for organising.

### School Lottery

Back in February we started a school lottery. Lots of families and relatives have bought tickets and we've had lots of lucky winners some of whom have donated their winning back to FOSC. Thank you to everyone who has bought tickets to help us raise vital funds for our children. If you would like to buy a ticket you can at <https://www.yourschoolottery.co.uk/lottery/school/st-catherines-c-of-e-primary-school-ware>. It costs just £1 per week. 40p of every pound goes back to the school and someone from our lottery wins a cash prize every week. Please feel free to share with Grandparents, Aunties, Uncles and anyone else who you think would be interested. So far, this has helped us raise over **£400** – thank you so much!

### Recycle – Reuse

We have set up a facebook group to help parents recycle goods you no longer want and that may just end up at the dump or in landfill. The idea is that parents and friends of St Catherine's School can offer items that they no longer need or use to other parents and friends in exchange for a small donation (min £1) to FOSC via our website. Please only offer items that are in good condition and have some life left in them. Here is the link if you would like to join.  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/715188892594355/>  
So far we have raised a further **£25**.

### Ware Shopping Trail

Having seen a post recently from the Book Nook, an independent shop on Ware High St, we thought it might be fun and good for the shops around town to set up a picture trail for the month of August. It's a bit like a treasure hunt and just for fun. We would ask children from our school (maybe others too?) to draw pictures of fairies and other creatures that could be displayed in shop windows with their name/age on. The shops would then display the pictures somewhere in their windows and encourage families out to try and find them all. It's something for the kids to do and then get out onto the High Street with family and friends over the summer. Many shops and businesses in our town have supported us in the past and we thought it would be good to give a little something back for the community. You will be able to collect a template from Keith Ian Estate Agents and The Book Nook - once your children have drawn their picture they can return to the same shop and we can collect and distribute around town. We are aiming to have pictures displayed in shops from the 1<sup>st</sup> August for the whole month.

### Noah – 2B

Thank you to Noah who had his very own table top sale outside his home to help raise money for us. He raised an amazing **£63** in just 2 hours. Thank you so much Noah and everyone who supported him.

If you need any name tags for the school term in September please try [MyNameTags.com](http://MyNameTags.com). You can create name labels which can be stuck on children's clothing, shoes, lunchboxes etc. If you place an order please quote school ID **27940** and we can raise 20% or £2 per order. Please follow the link below..

["https://www.mynametags.com/affiliate?id=27940"](https://www.mynametags.com/affiliate?id=27940)

Some other ways you can still help up bring in the pennies whilst we are all in lockdown is by using **Easyfundraising**  
<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stcatherinesware> this raises small donations every time you shop on line – sign up at the link above.