

NEWS

Friday 8th November 2019

Christmas
Cards
deadline
15th November

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 Friends of LSS



Friday 29th November 5 - 7:30pm

Leonard Stanley School

Stalls, games, activities, Santa's Grotto & more

All proceeds are used to fund learning equipment in School

ODD SOCKS DAY


Tuesday 12th November



Odd Socks Day is designed to be fun! It's an opportunity for children to express themselves and appreciate individuality and uniqueness! We would like to invite participating children to make a £1 donation – or any donation you think appropriate – to support the Anti-Bullying Alliance. You do not have to raise money to take part – the most important thing is the message of Odd Socks Day – and any money raised for them is a bonus.

AGM & COMMITTEE MEETING - ALL WELCOME

Tuesday 13th November - AGM 7:30 - 8/COMM 8 - 9pm

We need you! 

Jo Byrne, Chair of FOLSS will be stepping down this year after three years as Chair and two as Vice Chair. This role requires a massive level of voluntary commitment, time and energy, good organisational and people management skills and will leave a big void in the Committee. Therefore, FOLSS more than ever needs the parent community to step up and get involved. New Committee Members are needed and Honorary Members (Chair/Co-Chairs, Secretary & Treasurer) will need to be proposed and voted in by majority. If you feel you can commit to helping run our PTFA, or you wish to attend as a member please let Jo know before the 13th November. All parents/guardians welcome - you have voting rights as members. All Committee Members are subject to a full DBS check.

BAGS 2 SCHOOL COLLECTION

Friday 29th November 9am



The pool house is filling up nicely but we'd still appreciate any donations of clothing, soft toys, handbags, shoes (paired), etc. (full list on our website folss.org.uk/how-you-can-help/bags-2-school/). Please bring your bags (bin bags will do or pick up a Bags 2 School bag from under the FOLSS noticeboard) and leave in the School Office Reception area. BAGS = FUNDS.

NON-UNIFORM DAY

Friday 29th November



Children can come in non-uniform in exchange for tombola/raffle prizes.

CHRISTMAS FAIR

Friday 29th November 5 - 7:30pm



Father Christmas is coming!

Father Christmas will be coming and there will be Christmas gift stalls, a raffle, tombola's, games, activities and food & refreshments. More info is on our website and your info packs are in book bags today. If you or someone you know would like a stall please text Lisa Walters (FOLSS Treasurer) on 07791 261974 to book. **DETAILS ENCLOSED.**

SECRET SANTA

Thursday 5th December



Fantastic range of gifts for all ages (pets included)!

Your child can choose presents for family, friends and pets* during their school day at a cost of ONLY £2 PER PRESENT. One each of all the different presents is unwrapped allowing the children to choose a gift that is appropriate for the age and gender of the person it is intended for. They then take one of the pre-wrapped gifts home. We will be on hand to offer advice on gift choice should they need it! **DETAILS ENCLOSED.**
DEADLINE FOR MONEY 29TH NOVEMBER. *Cats/dogs/hamsters.

CHRISTMAS PARTIES

Thursday 19th December 1 - 3pm

Children can come into school in their party clothes. After lunch KS1 & KS2 have a party which includes a disco, party games and a visit from Father Christmas who will be giving children a book present. The children also get a party bag to take home. All funded by FOLSS. **PARENTS DO NOT ATTEND.**



Fundraisers/News



WOW!



So much achieved on Outdoor Learning Works Day

We would like to give massive thanks to the parents, staff, governors and children who gave up their Saturday to help achieve a big list of projects in our Outdoor Learning areas on Saturday 30th September. After successfully securing a Tesco Bags of Help grant of £1000 FOLSS set about securing the materials to build a performance stage area in our playing field. A group were tasked to build the stage with 90% of it built on the day and the remainder being completed on the 9th November. Another group were tasked with dismantling our long serving poly-tunnel which has now found a new home in a Forest School setting in Cirencester. This has paved the way for a new one to be erected during the spring of 2020. The ground has been levelled and surrounding overhanging branches lopped ready for the new foundations. A team weeded and newly bark chipped the Outdoor Classroom area and all vegetable beds were also weeded and produce collected. Our new Outdoor Learning area behind the FOLSS shed was also weeded and bark chippings scattered to help create a more usable space. The KS2 play trail which had come into disrepair after over 15 years of use was removed and it is hoped new equipment will replace this in the future. The various teams were powered by lots of donated cakes (thanks to those who donated) and refreshments.

We would like to thank the following people (in alphabetical order): Mr. & Mrs. Boersma, Mr. & Mrs. Byrne, Mr. & Mrs. Hathway, Mrs. Helps, Mrs. Jackson, Mr. & Mrs. Jones, Mr. & Mrs. McBride, Mr. & Mrs. Moss, Mr. & Mrs. Nobes, Mrs. Paget, Mrs. Payne, Ms. Pearson, Mr. & Mrs. Percival, Mrs. Robinson, Mr. Russell, Mr. & Mrs. Waldron & Mrs. Webster. We would also like to give a BIG thank you to Jaybee Plant Sales in Ebley, and in particular Director Tim Blythe, who very kindly donated the use of their mini-digger for the day. The next Working Party group will be in the Spring of 2020. If you'd like to be involved contact Jenny Percival.

PUMPKIN RAFFLE RAISES £86 - THANK YOU!

Our popular PUMPKIN RAFFLE at the end of last term led to much excitement, not least the arrival of two wheelbarrows of pumpkins during assembly but also the dilemma (for our six lucky winners) of how to transport the pumpkins home! A huge thank you to everyone who contributed and bought raffle tickets. You raised a wonderful £86 towards FOLSS Outdoor Learning Budget for next year. This money will help to fund outdoor extras such as new tools, compost, plant bulbs and seeds - for use by children across the school during lessons and clubs. Mrs. Paget (FOLSS Committee Member).

NOMINATE FOLSS - WE COULD GET £1000!

£1,000 could make a big difference to the work FOLSS do. That's why we'd be really grateful if you could nominate us in the Ecclesiastical Movement for Good awards. Your nomination could be the one that wins us £1,000. It's quick and easy to nominate us. **Just visit ecclesiastical.com/movement-for-good/12-days/ and enter our details.** Nominations will remain open until midnight the day before each draw. Draws will take place each weekday from 5th - 20th December 2019. The more nominations we receive between now and the 19th December the greater the chance of us winning. So please do spread the word and encourage



your friends, family, colleagues and anyone else you can think of to nominate too! Our Registered Charity No. is 1094995. Thank you in advance for your time and support.

CHRISTMAS SHOP & DONATE TO US FOR FREE

Shop online for Christmas and your retailer will donate to us for free (absolutely no cost to you). To sign up please go to easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/leonardstanleysch/.



MASSIVE THANKS TO STROUD TRANSPORT SERVICES AS UNIFORM HEADS TO ZAMBIA



We'd like to give massive thanks to local company Stroud Transport Services (and in particular Ian Walworth and 'Jim') for delivering 11 boxes (thanks also to Stonehouse Co-op for the boxes) of second-hand Leonard Stanley School uniform for us, at their expense, to Operation Sunshine (operationsunshine.co.uk), a Folkestone based charity who send humanitarian aid to Africa. A container will be leaving on the 20th November filled with clothing, medical/comfort/care packs, toys, books, wheelchairs etc. The container takes 3-6 months to arrive, so we hope to have some images in 6-9 months time.

UNIFORM DONATIONS

Following a rationalisation and audit of our second-hand uniform based on demand and space to store etc. we are now only accepting donations of, and will only be selling, the following:

Jumpers
Cardigans
Summer Dresses
Shorts
Branded PE Kit
Fleece/Reversible Branded Jackets
Waterproofs
Book/PE Bags



Once we've cleared the pool house after our Bags 2 School collection we hope to have a 'pop-up' shop outside the pool house regularly. In the meantime if you need any of the above please text Lisa Walters (FOLSS Treasurer) on 07791 261974.

THANK YOU

from Jo Byrne

Dear All,

From responding to a FOLSS flyer back in September 2014 asking for help... to which I responded, thinking I can help with some poster designs... it quickly became apparent that the organisation needed - hands to the pump! the rest is FOLSS history. My 5 year involvement with FOLSS has been one of the most rewarding chapters in my life.

I have enjoyed not just raising much needed funds for our School, but also the camaraderie of my fellow Committee members, parent helpers and of course having daily contact with the children and staff within the School. My decision to stand down was not an easy one, as I will dearly miss all of these aspects of the role I have played.

I'd like to thank you all for your support of me, and FOLSS, and hope you continue to support our School's PTFA in any way you can.

Best wishes

Jo Byrne X