



NEWSLETTER | SUMMER 2024

First of all, we would like to thank you all for your continued support. In the current financial climate, we are aware that donating to charities is sometimes out of people's capabilities and we are truly grateful for anything we receive, however big or small.

Please remember that all money donated goes directly back into supporting the work of the school and the experiences and opportunities they provide for our young people.

WHAT HAVE WE SPENT MONEY ON?

We have purchased the Chrome Books! There is now a complete class set of Chrome Books for students to use to support and enhance their learning. Thank you for all of your help in reaching this amazing target!

Also this year we have been able to use some money to provide the children with another fantastic Christmas experience where the children got to make reindeer food, decorate biscuits, make a Christmas countdown and even have hot chocolate with Father Christmas.

SMARTIES CHALLENGE

Thank you to everyone who took part in the Smarties Challenge over February half term. We appreciate every penny that has been worked for, donated or even found from down the back of the sofa!

We raised £753.23, well done everyone!

All the money raised has gone directly towards the new library project.

GET YOUR MOVE ON UPDATE 2024

Did your child get their MOVE ON over Easter? They probably walked, ran, scooted and biked (and maybe even roller-skated!). If they did, get some sponsors from friends and family and bring the money into school. All the money from this fundraiser is going directly to the purchasing of soft furnishings for the library and the children will receive a medal if they took part. The winning class from each year will also win a prize.



FABS BOOK BONANZA!

As we press on with raising funds for the library project, we are also continuing with our ongoing theme for the year of reading.

Got any books that are still in great condition and that maybe your child had outgrown or lost interest in? We are holding our first ever Book Bonanza and this is how it works:

- Book donations to be dropped to Gemma who, will be outside the main office on Monday 22nd April



- After school on Friday 26th April there will be a book sale on the main playground near the gazebo. Prices will range from 25p to £1. We will accept cash and card (minimum £1 if paying by card), although the right change would be appreciated if paying by cash!



WORK CHARITY SCHEMES

We are becoming aware of more and more employers that are offering schemes that support their employees with charity donations. This year so far we have benefitted from a generous donation from Diversified Communications as part of their Holiday Contribution Programme.

We also have people who have kindly offered schemes such as 'time matching', where companies donate an hourly rate when employees volunteer out-of-hours, 'matched charity fundraising' which involves companies matching a certain amount when an employee raises donations for a charity and 'trustee/governor grants' where companies will provide a grant to charities where their employees are trustees of a charity/PTA.

If your workplace offers any such scheme, or something similar, that could benefit us here at FABS, please get in touch at fabs@tabinfant.org.uk

URGENT CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS!

We have a number of people leaving the FABS team at the end of the year as their children leave the infant school. If you are in a position to donate a little bit of time, we would love to hear from you. This could be half an hour after school selling ice creams through to assisting behind the scenes with Christmas preparations and FABS Fest organising. We will not say no to ANY offer of help!

Please drop us an email on fabs@tabinfant.org.uk if you think you may be able to help.

LIBRARY PROJECT

We are all working hard behind the scenes on the library project. It is so exciting that we are going to be able to provide the students with an immersive and stimulating learning environment that continues to promote and encourage a love of learning and reading.

To enable us to carry out this project on the tight budget that we have, we are desperately seeking support from the wider school community. Are you, or do you know, a painter, carpenter, electrician, upholsterer or general handyperson? Could you potentially lend a hand and donate a few hours of your time?

If so, WE WOULD LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Please email us on fabs@tabinfant.org.uk if you think you might be able to help.

If you would like to make a donation to help us reach our library project target then [you can donate here](#) or by scanning the QR code. Thank you!



SPONSORS

If anyone works for a local business and would like to provide any sponsorship for a forthcoming event, please email us on fabs@tabinfant.org.uk. We'd particularly like to hear from anyone interested in sponsoring FABS FEST – this can be either through sponsoring a specific stall or with a more general donation.

In exchange for the sponsorship, your business will be advertised at the event and on our social media platforms.

Save the Date



**SATURDAY
22 JUNE 2024**



You can find us on Facebook: [FABS - Thomas a Becket Infant School](#)
or on our FABS Instagram page: [@friendsatbecketschool](#)
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