



Dear Friends,

Welcome back – and welcome to all of our new friends!

The past six months has been a time none of us could have predicted and we have unfortunately found ourselves in a position where we had to cancel fundraising events due to the covid-19 pandemic back in March, when the school closed. We are delighted that school is back open and are very much looking forward to raising funds for the school. Whilst we are eager to get going, we have to be very mindful of the restrictions around the pandemic and have to find alternative ways to fundraise within the “new normal”.

We are very conscious that the school's and parents' priority this term is settling our children back into school ensuring they feel safe, happy and learning can recommence. With this in mind we are going to take some time to carefully plan what activities we may be able to do for this quarter of the year and therefore at this stage are unable to confirm (as we would normally) what events we are able to run, your child's, our volunteer's and teachers' safety have to be our priority in anything we look to arrange.

We will be working in the background exploring ideas and hope to be able to provide you with details of forthcoming events after the October half term, until then we would like to remind you that there are still ways we can fundraise.

Please note due to social distancing regulations, we agreed not to hold the Annual General Meeting (AGM) this term but will be in touch and hope to arrange this later in the year.

School lottery

Our school lottery is doing really well, we have to date raised a total of £937 with a pay out in winnings totally £747!! For those who have not signed up and would like to Tickets cost £1 per line and you have a chance to win every Saturday when the draw takes place.

The more tickets you buy, the more money you can win (and the more money we will raise for our school!

- Visit www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/st-godrics-rc-school-durham to buy your tickets or find out more.

Tickets can also be bought by friends, relatives, grandparents etc, so please do spread the word.

For those of you who are quick if you buy tickets before the 12th September you have the chance of winning a prize too of a Staycation!

See attached flyer for details.

Online fundraising

Please sign up to Easy Fundraising (www.easyfundraising.org.uk) for your online shopping – every time you spend online with a variety of retailers (including Amazon, Marks and Spencer and Argos), they will make a small donation to school. This helps support our school at no additional cost to you.

Christmas Gift

Whilst we cannot arrange our usual movie nights and discos at present, we are starting work on our Christmas gifts and information will be sent out to parents on this soon.

Communications

Facebook

Did you know we have a FOSG Facebook page, if you would like to get involved have an idea we would love to hear from you please do get in touch, you can also contact us directly to ask questions or volunteer to help.

[join our Facebook page](#) – for information and reminders on events.

Year group reps

Last year we introduced we introduced Year Group reps who are volunteers within each year group who help raise the FOSG fundraising profile, this could be something as simple as reminding your year group where the link is to buy tickets for an event, join the school lottery or helping at an event etc. This has worked well and we would like to thank those who have helped; if you are happy to continue in this role for your new year group we would very much appreciate this however if you are unable to or someone else would like to get involved please do get in touch with either Vicky Welsh or Lynne Wilson to let us know of the change, we can be contacted on the Facebook page. For our new parents of children in reception if you are happy to set a group up please do so and get in touch with either Vicky or Lynne. *(please note Year Groups reps are purely there to support FOSG Fundraising activities, and should not engage in school business, queries of this nature should always be sent to the school office).*

We will be in touch again after the half term but please do not hesitate to get in touch with us, we really would love to hear from you.

Finally we would just like to thank everyone for their continued support and wish your children a great first term back at school.

Thank you