



FOLS News!

Hello and welcome to the new academic year at Leigh on Mendip First School. We hope you had a spectacular summer holiday, even though it seemed to go faster than ever this year!

Here at FOLS (Friends of Leigh School) we are busy preparing for the fundraising activities we will be doing for the next year in order to help pay for a great many additional items, trips and events to add a little sparkle to your child's education and experience.

For parents who are new to the school in particular, we thought we would let you know a little about FOLS and what we have achieved over the past year. As a voluntary team of parents and staff, we meet on a monthly basis to discuss exciting ways to generate funds for both the school and pre-school.

Here are some of the events and activities we have held in the past year;

- Halloween Disco
- Theatre Trip
- Christmas Tree sale
- Mothers Day and Fathers Day Gifting
- Easter Egg Hunt and Raffle
- Leigh on Mendip Fete
- Glastonbury Festival stewarding
- Leavers End of Year Party

We have also held mufti days, organised Bags of Help collections for unwanted textiles and processed printer cartridges for recycling.

The children have had great fun at the events held for them, but how is the money raised allocated? Just in the last year alone FOLS have provided funds for;

- Learning resources for the school
- Arts and Crafts resources
- Props and filming for school play and nativity
- Shade sail for Owl Babies pre-school
- Books for Owl Babies pre-school
- New projector for Eagle Class
- Online teaching resource Purple Mash licence
- Christmas school lunch
- Chick incubator and accessories
- Outdoor shop and theatre for Owl Class

Workshops with Pete the Poet
Story Telling event with Steve Manning
Zoolab animal handling workshop
Book bags for Owl Babies and school
Owl Class trip to Bristol
Leavers books for Year 4
Splashdown trip for Year 4

We're sure you'll agree that this is an incredible achievement, especially for a school of modest proportions! We do consider very carefully how the money is spent in order to benefit the entire spectrum of children at the school and there is more we would want to provide. We are always happy to hear of any other great ways to garner funds for our school so please don't be shy, we are a friendly bunch! If you have any ideas or would like to come to our meetings you would be most welcome. You would be making a very positive impact on resources for our children's education. Our next meeting is our AGM on **Tuesday 19th September at 7.30pm** in the school hall. Please do come along and we look forward to seeing you there!

Best regards,

FOLS committee