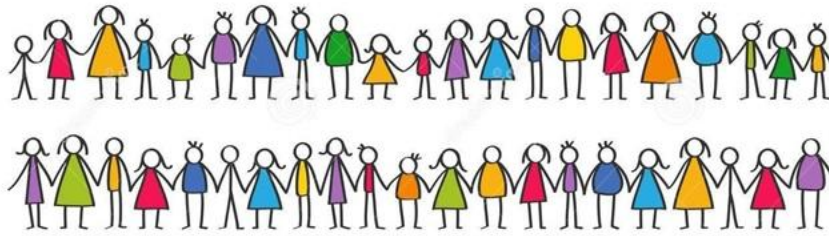


Friends of CPS



The Friends of CPS group was set up in Autumn 2022 to support the school and raise funds to enhance the children's education. The group is so important to bring the school community together and support our children's educational journey and after a turbulent last few years, we're focussed on moving forward and making the group and the events a success to support our children at school.

The group currently has 3 committee members, plus a small group of volunteers who help to make our plans and events a success. We'd love to grow the group and are always looking for new members to represent the views of the whole school. See our 'ways to be involved' document for ideas on what you could get involved in.

FoCPS Committee (email us at Focps22@gmail.com)

Chair: Steve Pickston

Treasurer: Leanne Carveth

Secretary: Robyn Pearce-Jones

There is lots going on, we've started to set up a bank account and are currently trying to apply for charitable status once again which will bring benefits to the group. There is work to apply for some grants underway and we have set our short-term goals which are as follows:

- Support development of reading areas and materials in classrooms;
- Support and provide inclusive events and fundraising activities for both children and parents/carers/teachers;
- Support improvements to a community space for the school and friends of the school

We have a number of events planned for this term and for 2023, but these can only happen with your support. We know how hard it can be to juggle work, kids and other commitments, so we will try to make it as simple as possible, you don't need specialist skills, knowledge or heaps of time.

Ways to get in touch:

Email us at Focps22@gmail.com

Find us on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/groups/876517706668235>

There are a number of ways you can continue to support us, some of them at no cost to you:

1. Register for Easyfundraising and select us as your chosen cause.

Did you know that whenever you buy anything online – from your weekly shop to your annual holiday – you could be raising free donations for Friends of Carterton Primary School with easyfundraising? There are over 7,000 brands on board ready to make a donation – including eBay, Argos, John Lewis, ASOS, Booking.com and M&S – and it won't cost you a penny extra to help us raise funds.

All you need to do is:

1. Go to

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friends-of-carterton-primary-school/?utm_campaign=raise-more and join for free.

2. Every time you shop online, go to easyfundraising first to find the site you want and start shopping.

3. After you've checked out, the brand will make a donation to Friends of Carterton Primary School at no extra cost to you whatsoever!

There are no catches or hidden charges and Friends of Carterton Primary School will be really grateful for your donations

2. We've signed up for the Big PTA Cash Draw 2022

Christmas is nearly here and what better way to celebrate than ending the term on a high. We are taking part in The Big PTA Cash Draw, a nationwide PTA fundraiser.

Purchase tickets at <https://www.bigptaraffle.co.uk/support/carterton-primary-school-ox18> before 14th December 2022 and be in with the chance of winning up to £5,000 in each of the 6 draws from 14th to 16th December 2022.

Our PTA will receive a guaranteed 50% of all the tickets you purchase on our behalf and the other 50% is used towards the prize funds and running costs. We are excited to be a part of The Big PTA Cash Draw and look forward to seeing if you are a winner!

3. Amazon Wish List: Thinking of buying your child's teacher a present?

Instead of a box of chocolates or a bottle of wine.... consider purchasing the class-room a book from the school's wish list. A gift that will benefit children and the school now and in the future!

Add your name and class to the gift message and we'll add a sticker to the book recognising your

donation to the school. If you'd prefer to shop elsewhere, please let us know which book you've bought so we can remove it from the list.

The list can be accessed here: <https://tinyurl.com/kmhj8d5v>

4. Volunteer!

Your time, Your skills, Whatever you've got to offer - we'll find a way to put it to good use.

From helping to organise an event, to spending an hour helping on a stall or event helping with our social media and marketing - we'd love to hear from you.

You can find us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/876517706668235>

Email us at: Focps22@gmail.com

Or look out for details of our next meeting - we welcome everyone at these and you can even attend via Zoom if that's easier for you. We will try to hold one meeting every term to run through our plans, usually over a drink and/or some cake!