



## AUTUMN NEWSLETTER 2024

Dear Parents,

Wishing you a warm FoSH welcome back to St Hilda's to build on the community and fundraising events that you supported so well last year. It was lovely to meet a few new faces at last week's Welcome Event and we look forward to catching up with you during the term ahead.

It seems a long time ago now but I should start with a congratulations to our Euros Sweepstake winners, Cerys Foggin (Spain) and Dave Connor (England). Thank you so much to both of you for offering your winnings as a FoSH donation with which to kick-off the new fundraising campaign.

Reflecting on what was an action packed 2023/24 in which you helped to raise a total of £18,634.28, I can share with you how the 50% donated to the school has been/is being used.

Form/Subject	Item(s)	Cost
EYFS	Wheelbarrows x 2	£39.98
EYFS	Building bricks	£59.99
Reception	Numicon Set	£89.44
IV	Guided Reading books	£237.00
PE	Netball bibs	£115.20
PE	Netball Post	£282.99
Music	Recorders x 23	£196.00
School	Contribution towards second vehicle	£8,296.54
<b>Total</b>		<b>£9,317.14</b>

Delivery of the second vehicle is expected to be during this term which is great news.

The remaining 50% of funds raised are allocated to the school's three chosen charities, Tiggywinkles, Great Ormond Street Hospital and Make a Wish Foundation, which will be the same for the year ahead.

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The FoSH Committee has expanded from three to four with Roxán Charleston joining the existing trio of Dominic Hutt (Chair), Tammie Modi (Treasurer) and Sophie Forsyth (Secretary). Roxán will be known to many of you already, having volunteered her time in a variety of FoSH roles in recent years.

We also have a new band of Form reps, eager to take FoSH to even greater heights. Thank you, in particular, to our Form III Dads James Graham and Gavin Lucas for stepping up.

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FoSH Events for the Autumn Term will follow a similar format to last year's and are summarised in the final page of this newsletter. A copy is also displayed in the FoSH noticeboard under the covered way.

Coming up in just under a month's time, on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October, is the Herts 10K which now also includes a 5K and 1.5K Fun Run option. Full details will be circulated separately with instructions on how to sign up.

Later in the term, we have a number of Christmas themed events with the highlight being the Christmas Bazaar on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November. Thank you, in advance for your donations of toys, jars, bottles, chocolates and time to make this such a wonderful event for all.

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New for this term is the launch of our very own wooden currency, FoSHCoin, as an alternative to cash for Friday Treats ! Thank you for the positive level of take up and feedback so far. The size, dimensions and value of a FoSHCoin are the same as a 50 pence piece to ensure the transaction process, with an element of mental arithmetic involved, remains unchanged.

FoSHCoins can be topped up at any time via <https://pay.collectiv.com/fosh-friday-treats-pre-payments-80918> with the default now set to £5.00 (10 FoSHCoins) and will be handed over to you, or your daughter, by the end of Thursday.

FoSHCoins purchased on a Friday will be handed out at pick up time by a FoSH Committee member.

Please treat FoSHCoins as you would do cash as lost ones cannot be replaced. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact your Form rep.

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For ease of reference at any time, we now include a 'Useful Links' section for you to easily find information online about FoSH events and activities.

Second Hand Uniform (2HU) <https://sthildasfoshunifor.wixsite.com/my-site>

Easyfundraising <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/foshs/>

Events calendar

<https://sthildasportal.intermit.cloud/calendar.axd?id=t44NQFWxcvlq7PcAfsuulQ%3d%3d>

Friday Treats pre-payments <https://pay.collctiv.com/fosh-friday-treats-pre-payments-80918>

FoSH webpage <https://www.sthildasharpenden.co.uk/school-life/fosh/>

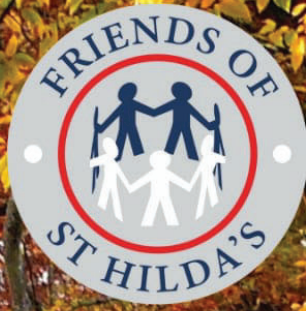
Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/sthildasharpenden/>

Instagram <https://www.instagram.com/sthildasschoolharpenden/>

Wishing you all a fun filled term ahead.

Dom, Tammie, Sophie and Roxán





## FoSH EVENTS - AUTUMN TERM 2024

FRI 6TH SEP: Welcome Event 🤝

SUN 6TH OCT: Fun Run / 5k / 10k 🏃

OCT / NOV: Christmas Card Project 🧑🏻🎅

FRI 22ND NOV: Christmas Jumper Sale ❄️

SAT 30TH NOV: Christmas Bazaar 🎄

FRI 6TH DEC: Secret Gift Room 📺

WEDS 18TH DEC: Panto - Cinderella 🌟