

Dear Parents and Carers

FOLA parent teacher association is one of the many ways parents and carers can become more involved in our thriving school community. FOLA has been set up by parents to help raise money to improve the school environment for the children.

In recent years money raised by FOLA has been used to help fund new sports equipment, improve access into the school by installing a ramp at the top gate, providing iPads for classroom use, providing furniture for the children to use in a quiet area and donating money towards replacing the kitchen which the children use in the practical area. We are also looking into purchasing a marquee which can be used at school events and providing equipment to be used in forest schools.

FOLA provides the opportunity to bring children, staff, parents, carers and families together socially.

FOLA run a number of events throughout the year;

School discos, Film nights, Autumn school BBQ, Crosspool Crawl (4.5 mile run taking place July 2018) and the FOLA draw, a monthly draw

We are always open to suggestions and welcome new ideas to bring the school together and provide fun ways in raising funds e.g. a family quiz night with pie and peas or a fashion swishing evening.

All of these events are organised and run by volunteers and we meet approximately 4 times a year and keep in contact through email and a WhatsApp group.

FOLA desperately needs new members. The existing committee comprises of The Chair, Secretary and Treasurer alongside 2 other members who are bank signatures. With exception of the Treasurer, all other committee members are parents of Y6 children who will have to stand down from the committee in July 2018. The AGM meeting will take place at school Thursday 28th June 2018 7.30pm (see separate letter).

For FOLA to continue its amazing work we really need new parents/carers to step forward so we can hand over these roles. If these roles are not replaced, regrettably FOLA will have to fold which will result in the children missing out on events eg the school discos, film night etc.

We understand that people are very busy often juggling family commitments and work and that they cannot always attend all of the meetings. There are other ways in which people can help; volunteering at events e.g. school disco, film night, crosspool crawl, helping with purchasing of refreshments for the school events, canvassing local business and collecting raffle prizes for the Autumn school BBQ, managing the FOLA draw, or helping with FOLA admin which includes ensuring reply slips for the school discos, film nights etc are collected from the school office, collated and where necessary contact parents/carers who have offered help and compile lists of children who will be attending the events. **The next FOLA meeting is to be held on Wednesday 20th June 8pm at Sportsman pub Crosspool this will be a planning meeting for the Autumn BBQ.** It would be great to see as many people as

possible. We have really enjoyed being part of FOLA, planning and taking part in events and we have had many laughs along the way!

We look forward to seeing you, thank you for your time.

The FOLA team