

## FAB NEWSLETTER END OF YEAR 2020



**Friends At Beecroft (FAB)** is the school's Parent Teacher Association (PTA). FAB is an organisation established to raise funds for school, organise events, and help raise the profile of Beecroft Primary School. All parents and guardians are automatically members of FAB and can offer their time, experience, or suggestions to support the FAB committee. Research has shown that parental involvement has a very significant impact on a child's achievement and attainment at school.

### WELCOME TO FAB AND THE PARENT ZONE

Beecroft School has had a successful, committed, hardworking association for many years. During this time, we have supported the school with many resources, including: Playground equipment, library books, Christmas parties with presents for each child, refreshments for sports day, subsidies for extracurricular events, school trips, summer and winter fairs. We want all parents and carers (nursery to year 6) to feel included and part of FAB. Every term we will send out a newsletter and also invite you to a coffee/tea morning.

### MESSAGE FROM THE FAB COMMITTEE

Hello Parents, we hope all our Friends At Beecroft and families are doing ok during these uncertain times. We wanted to let you know that we are thinking of you, and even though FAB has come to a standstill during the Pandemic – we look forward to starting a new normal and having a fresh start in September. With this being our final FAB communications for the year, we would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your parent support – we did great!

### FAB ACHIEVEMENTS FOR 2019/2020 SCHOOL YEAR

- Fortnightly family assemblies – with hot/cold drinks and biscuits for parents, served by FAB.
- FAB Annual General Meeting - 20 parents, plus parents offering support and positive feedback.
- FAB Committee Re – election (New Chair, Treasurer, Secretary and Committee Coordinators).
- Recruiting of New Parent Representatives for each year group - to support FAB and parents.
- New FAB Logo and email address: [fabfriendsatbeecroft@gmail.com](mailto:fabfriendsatbeecroft@gmail.com)
- New FAB Digital Parent Key Information Pack and Display Board in school (All FAB info)
- New Refreshments Rota for Parent Volunteers, for all school terms (assemblies and events).
- FAB Refreshments provided at school events - open days, school winter performances.
- Giant Cheque Presentation for £1,250 (latest annual FAB donation - 2018/2019 school year)
- New Termly Parent Newsletter – with key dates, helped needed and community news.
- New Termly Parent Coffee/Tea Morning - to meet new parents and discuss fundraising ideas.
- New fundraising Idea - The Copper Coin Challenge: Bottles to fill with coppers (1p and 2p).
- First FAB Winter Disco with Parent DJ – for years 1,2,3,4,5 and 6.
- Raffle prizes collected by FAB team, from the local community for our Winter Disco.
- Raffle ticket selling in the school playground and money counting in the staff room.
- Beecroft Staff Surprise from Parents - with homemade food/treats to say thank you for IVD.
- Christmas parties and gift wrapping for all classes - with music, treats, Santa and gift each.
- Clear out of all FAB supplies, equipment replaced, documents updated and handovers.
- New FAB meeting location - After-School Club Room (more space and meeting flexibility).
- Missed planned activity - Easter Raffle, Summer Fair, Sports Day, final meetings/assemblies.

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## **SPECIAL THANK YOU AND GOODBYE TO CORE FAB**

Sadly, we say goodbye to some of our longstanding core FAB committee team and year 6 parents – Julia, Terra, Ryan and Al.

On behalf of all the Friends At Beecroft Team and Volunteers - THANK YOU for EVERYTHING you guys have done to support FAB and school over the 7 years plus. You have all dedicated so much of your time and services to ensuring our school has the best Parent and Teacher Group. All your volunteering, hard work, commitment, blood, sweat and tears behind the scenes has not gone unnoticed - we appreciate you!

From the winter fairs, summer fairs, school discos, Christmas parties, sports days, family assemblies, teas and coffees at every school event, FAB meetings fundraising, counting money, managing the bank funds, gifts for the children, collecting donations from the local community, providing your own donations, to the meticulous detail that goes into organising the events, the documents, paperwork files behind the scenes and guiding our new parents along the way. For many years it was just you guys on your own, and what an amazing job you did. We had some fun times together too!

We just want you to also know that even though things will not be the same for some time with the Pandemic (minimal contact, no family assemblies, tea and coffees or events etc) your FAB efforts won't be forgotten, is in good hands and we will try our best with a new team of supportive parents, to continue your legacy - with Fundraising At Beecroft in the future. Sorry we cannot have a proper FAB Style send off in person for you all. But we wish you all the very best on your new journey and with high school. We will miss you very much. Take care guys! Lots of love, Team FAB.

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## **FAB PARENT HELP**

Due to the Pandemic, Government guidelines and for the safety of our school, there will be no FAB activity. Including family assemblies, parent coffee/tea mornings, school events or FAB refreshments. Miss Turner will update the core FAB committee, when it is safe to do so – we will reassess in 2021. In the meantime, we will continue to welcome new and existing parents through our Parent Newsletters, Parent information packs and email updates. Please do get in touch to add your name to our new mailing list and keep up to date with future FAB news.

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## **FUN AND FAB LITERACY CALENDAR**

Join in the all new Digital Summer Reading Challenge supported by our school:

“Usually, the Challenge takes place in libraries across the country. This year, with the disruption caused by COVID-19 and the impact of social distancing on schools and public libraries, the all-new digital Summer Reading Challenge is launching earlier than usual. This is to keep children reading over what has become a much longer summer period due to the pandemic, and support parents and carers with children at home. The theme for the Challenge is "Silly Squad"- a celebration of funny books, happiness and laughter, featuring bespoke artwork from award-winning children's author and illustrator, Laura Ellen Anderson.

It's free to take part - families can sign up by visiting the Summer Reading Challenge website and can access e-books and audio books for free via their local library service until the libraries open fully” <https://readingagency.org.uk/children/quick-guides/summer-reading-challenge/>

Please note: Our local Headingley and Armley Libraries are now open to the public.

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## **FAB CONTACTS**

We have a FAB email address, a FAB WhatsApp group, FAB Facebook group and a FAB Parent Newsletter. To volunteer, feedback fundraising ideas, donate, view of FAB info pack or ask a question, email: [fabfriendsatbeecroft@gmail.com](mailto:fabfriendsatbeecroft@gmail.com) or get in touch with our committee members and parent reps. **HAVE A GOOD SUMMER BREAK EVERYONE.**