

# FAB

# NEWSLETTER

February 2020

Friends Association of Bonneville



## Thanks!!

FAB had a great start to the year with lots of fun events from Bingo in October to Quiz night in November and Christmas Wreath making in December. The Winter Fair was also a big success with everyone enjoying the day. And not forgetting the calendar, christmas cards, uniform sale, Bag 2 School textiles collection and bake sales.

FAB hugely appreciates the fantastic efforts by the organisers and volunteers who helped make all the activities a reality. The donations of time, effort, gifts and positive attitude from the Bonneville family was overwhelming, highlighting even more that Bonneville is a truly wonderful place for our children to grow and flourish. Thank you for making that difference!

Thanks also to Aspire, sponsors of the Winter Fair, and to the many local businesses and individuals who donated raffle prizes, including: Bistro Union, Nue Ground, Cook Abbeville, Bottle Apostle, MacFarlane's, Gail's, Blank Brixton, Biscuiteers, 33 Abbeville, Pizza Express, The Sun, Honest Burger, Nordic Balance, Skin Smiths, Headmasters, Clapham Picturehouse, Chelsea Football School, Bertie & Boo, Revolution Fitness, Virgin Active, Pilates Studio, Hot Yoga Balham, Mojo Hot Yoga, Fight Club Gym, Shimmers Dry Cleaners, Abbeville Pub .....

### \*\*\* Recruitment \*\*\*

FAB Committee is seeking new members....

- Co-Treasurer: seeking two new co-treasurers to support the current treasurer and prepare for succession.
- PR / Media team: one or more individuals responsible for increasing FAB profile with regular updates; enhance Events communications; manage social media profile; provide FAB input for Bonneville news etc.
- More details available from Pete Gardner or Carol O'Gorman. Individuals interested to join the committee in any other capacities are also welcome to email [bonnevillefab@gmail.com](mailto:bonnevillefab@gmail.com)

## Fundraising and Spending Updates

The events and activities mentioned above raised £10,100 net September – December 2019!

We also benefited from our first Employee Corporate Matching donations which generated an additional £1,300 to supplement income from fundraising activities.

In addition to unspent funds brought forward from the previous year, this brings current available FAB funds to £24,200.

Continued fundraising remains a priority to support ongoing spending priorities including:

- *MUGA*: estimated cost to build c. £100k. FAB has already paid £9,000 this year towards the planning application and earmarked up to a further c. £20k contribution from current funds. A bid-writing group has been established to work with the school to pursue various routes for donations / grant funding from local and national groups. **Individuals with relevant experience to contribute to the bid-writing group are invited to contact the school or email [bonnevillefab@gmail.com](mailto:bonnevillefab@gmail.com) to get involved.**
- *Front playground*: next infrastructure priority after the MUGA. The meadow cost c. £25k to install so we can expect similar.
- *School trips*: funding provided by FAB to support class trips
- *Garden Project*: an exciting initiative from Reception parent Emily Sharp to enhance the school entrance area. Volunteers required. See Events and attached plan for more details.
- *Year 6 graduation party / leavers book*: organised by Year 6 / funded by FAB with contributions from Year 6 cake sales x 4 in the Summer term.

## Upcoming Events

### CONFIRMED \*\*\* Save the Date \*\*\*

Key Dates	FAB Events	Organisers
Friday mornings	Garden Project prep works	Emily Sharp
13 February 2020	Wine Tasting Event in association with Bottle Apostle	Pete G, Carol, Clare G
13 February 2020	Valentine's Cake Sale	Clare G / Reception parents
7 March 2020	Family Day for Garden Project & Forest School	Emily Sharp / Ms da Silva
3 April 2020	Easter Cake Sale	Natalie / Catherine / Year 1 parents
TBC	Treasure Hunt and BYO Picnic	Natalie / Clare G
1 May, 22 May, 5 June, [one more TBC]	Year 6 Cake or Ice-lolly Sales x 4	Nicola Bazeley / Year 6 parents
July 2020	Year 6 Graduation Party ( <i>organised by Year 6 / funded by FAB with contributions from Yr 6 cake sales</i> )	

### POSSIBLE FUTURE EVENTS \*\*\* Volunteers Required \*\*\*

We need individuals to volunteer as organisers to make these events a reality. Please join the FAB Volunteers group on Whatsapp <https://chat.whatsapp.com/GmWodsOOXs9DmKUjRnrxd0> or email [bonnevillefab@gmail.com](mailto:bonnevillefab@gmail.com) if you can help.

Indicative timing	FAB Events	Organisers
Early March	Kids Movie night	
End March / Early April	Spring second hand sale (toys, books, household goods, uniforms)	
30 March – 2 April 2020	Easter Raffle & prior ticket sales	
25 or 26 March 2020	Quiz night or similar event	
TBC	Pyjamas Day	
24 June 2020	FAB to organise Bar and Performer for International Night	
4 July 2020	Summer Fair	
September 2020	Reception Class 2020/21 Picnic	
<b>TBC</b>	<b><i>Other suggestions welcome</i></b>	

## FRONT GARDEN PROJECT

The front gardens are getting an upgrade! They will be more attractive and interactive so that children, parents and teachers can all enjoy nature and learn about their environment. The new space will have a quiet sitting area, an immersive nature walk, and an exciting natural obstacle course!

We need your help to make it happen! Come dig with us on Friday mornings after drop-off (no experience needed!)

Just show up on Friday mornings, text Emily to get involved: +44 7932 609763 or join the Garden Project Whatsapp Group <https://chat.whatsapp.com/DN0tcoJpoRF6yI5414waWE>

**Save the Date for Spring Family Day "Saturday 7th March" to work on this project and others around the school grounds and Forest School.**

### The New Front Garden Plan



## FAB - FRIENDS ASSOCIATION OF BONNEVILLE

### What is FAB ?

- ✓ FAB is what is often called a PTA or Parent-Teacher Association.
- ✓ These are groups of parents, carers, and other friends of the school who work together with teachers and other staff to support their work for the school in a number of different ways; including providing those additional things that enrich children's experiences at school but which cannot be covered by the school's budget.
- ✓ We do this through fundraising, organising events for adults and/or children to socialise and have fun!



### Who is FAB ?

- ✓ Everyone who is part of the school community is automatically a member of FAB. So all parents and carers belong to FAB and are welcome at all meetings, the AGM and our events.
- ✓ FAB runs regular fundraising events throughout the year. We can continue to run these events thanks to individual contributions of time, effort and enthusiasm, and we say a huge thanks to our volunteers for their continuing support.

### How is FAB fundraising used ?

- ✓ In the past, FAB has contributed funding for school trips, playground enhancements, works related to the edible garden and forest school
- ✓ A key priority for the coming year is fundraising to support the school plan to build a Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA).

### How can I get involved with FAB ?

- ✓ FAB welcomes volunteers to help out on the organisational committee and to get involved in arranging events / activities. All support is welcome – no matter how much or how little time you are able to give.
- ✓ FAB runs various events throughout the year including Winter and Summer fairs, bingo / quiz nights, cake sales, uniform sale and various other special events. Come alone or as a group and join in the fun.
- ✓ Do you have any skills or talents you would like to offer: e.g. craft, hobbies, gardening, baking, carpentry, painting, marketing, legal, financial .....
- ✓ Being involved with FAB is a great way to get to know other parents at the school and feel part of the school community – as well as making a real contribution to school-life for our children.

### How do I Contact FAB ?

You can email the FAB Committee at [bonnevillefab@gmail.com](mailto:bonnevillefab@gmail.com)

## FAB FUNDRAISING

### Easy Ways to Fundraise

- ✓ 'Easyfundraising' allows us to raise funds for FAB by turning everyday online shopping into FREE donations. When you use the website to shop with up to 3,600 retailers (e.g. eBay, John Lewis, Argos, NEXT and others) the retailer makes a small donation to say 'thank you' and easyfundraising gives those free funds to FAB. It's completely free with no catches. Registering is straightforward and takes less than 5 minutes through this link: <https://bit.ly/2JBh2Cq>. Please support our efforts to raise funds for FAB!
- ✓ FAB is also registered with 'Amazon Smile' allowing donations to be collected for all shopping via [smile.amazon.co.uk](https://smile.amazon.co.uk) – this is also straight forward and can be accessed via <https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1106264-0>
- ✓ Donations can also be made via:
  - <https://wonderful.org/charity/friendsassociationofbonneville> or
  - Directly to the FAB bank account (sort code 20-21-78; account number 90343862; account name 'Friends Association of Bonneville').

Donations may be eligible for gift aid – please email [fab.treasurer01@gmail.com](mailto:fab.treasurer01@gmail.com) for a gift aid form and return the completed form via email to allow gift aid to be claimed.

### Other ways to contribute

- ✓ Do you work for a company that might support FAB by donating a raffle prize or sponsoring a stall at our winter or summer fair?
- ✓ **Do you work for a company that has a matched giving scheme for employees? If you don't know, would you be prepared to ask them?**