



FOBS Christmas Newsletter 2020

December is here, Christmas is just around the corner and the FOBS committee would usually be pestering you around now for raffle donations, tickets to see Santa, Christmas Fair contributions, tea towels, and a whole load of other Christmas related things.

FOBS events are such an integral part of the school calendar, raising vital funds for our lovely school - this year, we're missing out on these fundraising opportunities but also the chances to come together in the run up to Christmas. Here's an update on what the FOBS committee has been working on this term...

Here Comes Santa 🧑🏻‍🎅

We're so thrilled to confirm that a special visitor will be popping into school on **Friday 11th December**, to meet the children and to hand out gifts. There is no charge this year to see our visitor and the children will receive an extra special gift from FOBS.

GoFundMe Fundraising Page 📺

Whilst we won't be asking you to contribute to raffles, Panto trips, Christmas gift purchases and the Fair, we hope you'll be able to make a donation to ensure we get 2021 off to a great start.

The FOBS **GoFundMe** page has raised a **whopping £450 so far!!** Thank you all so much for your generous donations, which will make such a vital contribution to our school and the children. If you are able to make a donation to FOBS please click the link below.



<https://www.gofundme.com/f/Ysgol-Brynffordd-FOBS>



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School Play Equipment

With fewer outgoings from the FOBS fund this term, we agreed to donate £300 from FOBS to purchase new indoor and outdoor play resources - the School Council identified a wish-list of items that were required and each bubble now has their new play equipment!

Dragon Clothes Bank

Mrs Critchell has confirmed that the school will be able to partake in the Dragon Clothes Bank scheme again in the new year - a clothing bank will be stationed at school for donations, which will provide a valuable additional fundraising avenue, with the school receiving 40p for every kilo of clothing donated.

We hope you'll all join in for a good New Year clear-out and help fill the clothing bank!

Future Fundraising

The FOBS committee will meet again in the New Year to start planning for 2021 fundraising activities. The **Valentine's Disco** and **Easter Bingo** are usually highlights of the school calendar - with COVID restrictions very much still a part of everyday life, we're continuing to review the situation, and we hope that we'll be able to run FOBS events ahead of the Easter break.

For now, we wish you all a very Merry Christmas, and here's to a happy and healthy New Year.

With thanks, from FOBS xxx

**MERRY
CHRISTMAS**