



## Friends of Wroxton (FOW)

# FOW Newsletter

## Your PTFA needs you!

Welcome to the first FOW newsletter of 2023-2024!

### Who are we?

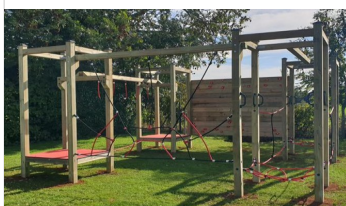
Friends of Wroxton (FOW) is the PTFA group, of like-minded parents, grandparents, teachers and friends who all have a big passion to help support the school.

We organise events throughout the year to fundraise. Our funds go towards the costly extras that enhance your child/ren's school life.

Please consider helping us, even if only in a small way – see page 2's "how can you help" section for information.

### What have we achieved?

In April this year, we smashed our £10k target, which enabled us to buy new large outdoor play equipment. This has now been installed and it looks AMAZING!



### What are we fundraising for next?

- New outdoor play and learning equipment, which will further enhance the OPAL scheme (Outdoor Play and Learning).



### What if I can't commit?

There is no pressure to commit to everything, as we all lead busy lives!

But if lots of people offer to help as volunteers, then the workload is spread and more of us can enjoy the great events.

### How do I find out more?

Please come to the next FOW meeting, speak to/ email Mrs. Ruffle, email the FOW address,



or speak to one of the Class reps – listed on the next page.

Our email address is:

[friendsofwroxtonpta@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofwroxtonpta@gmail.com)

You can also request to join the FOW dedicated Facebook group, where we keep you up-to-date with future events and fundraising progress:

"Friends of Wroxton PTA"



<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1277802972633584/>

## Your newly elected PTFA Committee

FOW held its AGM in September and we were glad to welcome a couple of new faces to the team. A big "Thank You" to you and also to all of our fantastic returning members.

We have 4 members who have children/grandchildren in the Falcons (year 6). So, they will be leaving after this school year

and we would love to have more members to take over.

The annual elections of the main Committee roles took place and the positions were re-elected as follows:

**Chair** = Mrs. Ruffle

**Treasurer (Temporary)** = Kerri Grant (Falcons Parent) \*\*

**Secretary** = Rachel Crofts (Falcons Parent)

\*\* Kerri has agreed to continue on as the interim Treasurer until this Christmas.

We have now had a potential replacement come forward – thank you very much for your interest and we hope you will agree to fulfilling the role!

### Photo Comp Calendar

Mrs. Ruffle has created a 2024 calendar of some of the photos that were entered into the FOW Photography Competition last academic year.

If you would like to pre-order a calendar, you need to do so using School Money, by **Monday 13th November**. Cost **£10**.

Please see Mrs. Ruffle to view the printed example.

## Upcoming events calendar

### Wednesday 1st November

The "Great Wroxton Bake Off" competition returns!



Bring your homemade cakes in before school, for class judging.

Then Cake sale at 3pm (please bring your own containers).

### Wednesday 1st November

Next FOW meeting.

An EGM to sign the new PTFA Constitution.

**7:30pm**, Kestrels classroom.

### Friday 10th November

School Disco!

Eagles & Kestrels:

3:30pm – 4:30pm

Kites & Falcons:

4:45pm – 6:00pm

### Friday 8th December

School Christmas Fair.

3:15pm – 5pm.



### Wednesday 13th March 2024

Rags2Riches collection.

### Friday 21st June 2024

School Summer Disco!

### Thursday 4th July 2024

Rags2Riches collection.



## How can you help?

### • Ideas!

We need lots of fundraising ideas to help our school.

All ideas will be considered!

### • Volunteering

If you can spare a little time to attend meetings or help at an event or sale, it would mean things run more smoothly.

Even if it is only once, it will mean that the same people are not doing everything. It is also fun and you get to meet new people from the school family!

Or maybe you have a particular skill set to offer?

### • Donations

Pre-loved uniforms, cakes, raffle prizes....

We have lots of events throughout the year that may require different types of donations.

Perhaps your workplace could help too?

### • Spread the word

For external events, please ask your family/friends/neighbours/ colleagues to come along and support us! Or put up posters and share on Facebook.

# Ready... Set... Bake Off!



Due to popular demand, "The Great Wroxton Bake Off" is back for its 3rd year!



For those new to the school, the children can take part in a baking competition, bringing in their homemade cake with an Autumnal theme.

Each class will pick their Star Baker, based on the look of the cake. The 4 Star Bakers will then have their cakes 'blind taste tested' by a judge to find an overall winner.

All bakes will be sliced up to be sold at a Cake Sale at 3pm. **Please bring your own containers for your purchases, as the cakes could be sticky and crumbly!**

## My Name Tags



### Do you need to order name tags to label your children's clothes?

If you order through [www.MyNametags.com](http://www.MyNametags.com) using our school ID code **22860**, FOW will receive 24% of the money.

## Easyfundraising



### Do you shop online?

Did you know that we're registered with easyfundraising and you could help us to raise funds for the school at no extra cost to yourself?

Since our fundraising events are slowly being introduced, this is a great opportunity to keep raising much needed funds for the school. When you shop online, with over 4,100 of your favourite retailers, including John Lewis & Partners, Amazon, eBay, notonthehighstreet, you will raise FREE donations for Wroxton Primary School - Banbury.

If you're not already signed up, it only takes a few minutes, then you can begin using the easyfundraising website or app straightaway - simply shop online as normal. This will be an enormous help to the school, at no extra cost to yourself.

**Please visit our [easyfundraising web page](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/wroxtonprim/?utm_campaign=raise-more&utm_content=s-e2) to get started:**

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## FOW class Representatives 23/24:

Eagles: Natalie  
(Heidi's mum)

Kestrels: Beth  
(Aidan's & William's mum)

Kites: Claire  
(Maddox' mum)

Falcons: Gemma (Sophie's mum)

Please come and chat to us if you have any ideas, if you would like more information, or would like to volunteer in any way.

Or request to join our Facebook group: "Friends of Wroxton PTA".



## Future events—watch this space!

The following events are in the pipeline....

- Grown ups quiz
- Christmas Wreath making
- School Discos (Autumn and Summer terms)
- Easter Bingo
- More non-school uniform or 'Break the Rules' days
- Loose change
- Summer Fete
- Year 6 Leavers — Hoodies and Meal

Maybe a future event could be something that YOU suggest?

## Rags2Riches4 Schools



On 12th October, FOW held the first Rags2Riches4Schools collection of the school year. The company pays per kg of clothing collected and we made **£75.60!**

The next collections will be held on:

**13th March 2024**

**4th July 2024**

So if you do a New Year sort out of clothes, shoes, accessories etc. and the items are still in a useable condition, please consider donating to our collections!

## D-I-S-C-O Time!



Get your glad rags on children – as FOW will be holding the first School Disco of the year, on **Friday 10th November!**

The new party times for each class are as follows:

### Eagles & Kestrels:

3:30pm – 4:30pm

Please pick up at 4:30 from their classroom.

*\*\*Eagles & Kestrels children can bring their Disco clothes into school and staff will help them get changed at the end of the day, if they are staying for the Disco.*

### Kites & Falcons:

4:45pm – 6pm

Please drop off at the Bay door and collect from the Falcons classroom door.

Entry is **£3.50** and can be paid on School Money ('Shop' option).

This includes squash and a packet of crisps.

Due to cutting down on single use plastics in School, we will now be selling UV Glow Bracelets instead of the Glow Sticks.

These are reusable and can be purchased for £1 prior to, or at the Discos.

We are thrilled to confirm that **Aaron Williams Entertainer** will be back hosting the Discos, with his music, fun, dancing, balloons and toilet rolls.....!



## Harvest Pumpkin

At Harvest time, FOW were delighted to receive a very kind donation of a massive pumpkin!

....So we had a "guess the weight of the Pumpkin" competition.

Here is our winner, who guessed the nearest with **50kg:**



The actual weight was **41.2kg!**

That's a lot of pumpkin pie!



Thank you very much to the donor family and well done for growing such a huge pumpkin!! :)

## Next Meeting: 'Extraordinary General Meeting' (EGM) Wednesday 1st November, 7:30pm, Kestrels Classroom