

Dear St Catherine's Community,

Life at school is certainly back into full swing and the first half term of this new academic year seems to have flown by! Hopefully everyone's year has started well, routines have been established and the half term break gives a wonderful opportunity to recharge ahead of the shorter days and darker nights and the preparations for Christmas. Needless to say, we won't this year, for the first time in many, be holding the traditional FOSC Christmas fair and whole class Christmas nights out though we are looking for other covid compliant ways to celebrate the festive season.

This half term we have focused our efforts on the **'New to You' Uniform sale** and on **establishing the 20/21 class reps**. *Next half term our focus shifts to part 2 of the AGM: confirming the Committee roles for this academic year including filling several vacant positions and getting creative on fundraising and community building for Christmas*. As ever we welcome all ideas big and small, conventional or creative please do share with your class rep who can bring these ideas to the next class rep meeting. For anyone interested in joining the Committee, or supporting FOSC on an adhoc basis please email FOSC Secretary pollyfox@mac.com or simonesheehan@hotmail.co.uk, FOSC Class Rep co-ordinator for more information.



AGM PART 2

FOSC will hold the Part 2 AGM on Tuesday, 24 November 2020 at 20.00 via Zoom and all are welcome to attend. Information about this can be found in the attachment to the Newsletter. Please contact FOSC secretary Polly by email at pollyfox@mac.com if you would like to know about the role of **Chair, Vice Chair and Bar Co-ordinator or one of the Speciality Roles of Raffle Co-ordinator, external stall co-ordinator for the St Cat's fairs and Estate Agent Boards co-ordinator**. FOSC plays a vital role in helping to build the St Cat's community and in supporting the school with its charitable works and purchase of items to help further enrich the girls' education. In these strange covid times school community is more important than ever so please do lend your support and give 30-45 mins of your time to join the AGM zoom to learn more about FOSC and help us elect in our new committee members. *Polly*



Finance update from FOSC Treasurer: Laeona



This year's wish list already has quite a few entries! Funding requests to date include: support for Prep English and Maths programs, drums for the Music Department, storage chests for Prep Art activities, games for years 7–9 form rooms and support for the publication of the Alumnae magazine. FOSC will also be making contributions to each of the school's 19/20 nominated charities of Justice&Care, Brief Encounter and Animal Rescue&Care (from funds raised by last year's snack sales). *Laeona*

Call to Action

The primary purpose of FOSC is to build and nurture our St Cat's community and to enrich the education of our daughter's through fundraising to enhance each girl's time at school life. Recent examples being new pianos, a mud kitchen, chaplaincy resources and a significant donation last term to the Hardship fund. Events are the main building blocks for our community and fundraising and for obvious reasons these have been curtailed. There are 4 ways we can easily raise funds for school and we would ask that parents see if they could sign up to one or more of these.



Select The Friends Of St Catherine's, or another charity you wish to support via Amazon Smile



Please hand in unwanted uniform at reception FAO Chrissie

Gift Aid donations represented **£2K** last year and with only **70% signup** we could make this count a lot more for us. Please return completed forms to reception after half term.

Shop via easyfundraising for a no cost to you to support your chosen charity. We are listed so if you'd like to support FOSC each time you shop on line please sign up using:

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/invite/7T500M>



Meet the fabulous 20/21 FOSC Class Reps.

Class reps play a vital part in building the St Cat's community, from offering a warm welcome to new parents, arranging class socials, building winning teams for quiz nights to the all important class WhatsApp and timely reminders about returning forms, tupperwares for foodtech, requests to check for missing uniform etc. Class Reps are a critical part of the fabric of school and we wanted to thank the Class Reps past and present for their contribution to our community. This years Class reps are:

Prep	Rebecca&Saba (N+R), Marie (Yr2), Diana (Yr3), Ruth (Yr4), Katia (5C), Maren (5S), Tanya&Rebecca (6A) and Michelle&Harriet (6C)
Seniors	Simone (7C), Natasha , Becky , Melanie (7S), Polly&Frankie (7M), Abi (8C), Maggie (8M), Birgit (8S), Rosalind (9S), Sandra (9C) Vacancies: 9T and 9M
	Andrea (10C), Claire (10M). Vacancies: 10S, Year 11 and Sixth form

We still have some open spots, so please do consider signing up for your form/year group if you are a natural at connecting people, handy with WhatsApp and can volunteer just a little bit of your time! To sign up or for more detail contact Class Rep Co-or Simone on simonesheehan@hotmail.co.uk.

