



Dear Families

Friends of Birkett House Autumn Term Update

We hope you're well and all your lovely children and young people have made a great start back to school! We are very excited to confirm that, subject to any changes in guidance of course, we can return to meeting in person in school and organising some of our family events that we've missed so much.

Welcome Back Evening: Monday 4th October, 5-7pm

Now we can get together again, we thought it'd be nice to hold a little welcome back evening for all families. It'll be especially lovely to meet all the new families who have joined school over the past 18 months, and great to catch up with everyone again. We know it's not always easy to get out again once everyone is home from school and work, but if you can, please join us for a cuppa and cake, meet the FOBH team and other parents. We'll put on some entertainment and snacks for the children so hopefully you can grab a few mins to chat! All free, this one isn't a fundraiser, just a little celebration 😊

Our next Friends of Birkett House meeting

Our next FOBH meeting will be at 9am on **Tuesday 5th October**, in school at the Wigston site (conference room near reception). Whichever site your child(ren) are based at, you're very welcome to join us for a coffee, chat, and some planning for our autumn activities... Dates for future meetings will be set at this meeting so we'll update you next month if you'd like to get involved but can't make this one.

Fundraising focus for 2021/22

For obvious reasons our fundraising potential has been very limited for a while, so this year we plan to bounce back with an ambitious plan! School needs new mini buses so we are aiming to raise a whopping £50,000 this year for a brand new bus to keep our children out and about on their learning adventures! So if you have ideas, contacts, links with companies or charities or other organisations that may be able to help us, please do get in touch (email Kate at kate.elsie.molly@gmail.com, talk to Fiona Morgan in school or leave a message with the school office) or come along to one of our meetings.

We will also, of course, continue to fund smaller projects, pieces of equipment or activities in school throughout the year.



Our school lottery continues - thank you so much to everyone who has bought tickets - one of our parents won a £100 B&Q voucher recently! If you or anyone you know would like to join, sign up anytime at [Support Birkett House School when you play Your School Lottery - Your School Lottery](#) and 60p from every £1 spent on the lottery comes right back to us here at school!

Christmas!

Sorry, but it has to be done! We will hopefully be able to hold our annual Christmas Fayre again this year – date tbc but we'll let you know as soon as we can! We'll be seeking donations of the following so if you have anything, please hang on to it for us: new/unwanted gifts, bottles for tombola (anything unopened and in date, from wine or whiskey to ketchup and bubble bath!), catering supplies (crisps, bottled/canned drinks, choc cars etc), chocolate for tombola, good condition used or new toys, raffle prizes (vouchers etc) and/or new gifts for Santa's Grotto. If you work for a company who might be able to donate something, please ask on our behalf!

Raffle

We will also be sending home tickets for our annual raffle in November - they'll come home in the students bags, and we'll update you on the great prizes available nearer the time!

Thanks as ever for your support and we can't wait to see everyone back in school for some family fun very soon!

Best wishes

Friends of Birkett House team x