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28th September 2018

Dates for your Diary

October

Mon 1st	FoPS AGM (2pm Junior Reception)
Friday 19th	Last Day of Term / Mufti Day
22nd-28th	Half-term October break
Mon 29th	Back to School

November

Fri 2nd	Fireworks Event
Mon 5th	Infant School Photos
Tues 6th	Junior School Photos



Make sure you are up to date with all the latest news and future events by liking our Facebook page and becoming a member.

Please note: when you request to join our page, you will be asked to answer two security questions.

Search for "**Parkland FoPS & Parent Council**" 

Mufti Day

Our next mufti day is on **Friday, 19th October** - the last day of term! Your child can wear their own clothes to school in return for a donation towards the **CHOCOLATE** and/or **BOTTLE** Tombola stalls at the Fireworks Event on 2nd November (or £1) - full details to follow.

If possible, we would prefer donations of chocolates or bottles rather than money, as we need to replace the items stolen when the shed was broken into over the summer.

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The most overwhelming key to child's success is the positive involvement of parents

Fireworks Display - Friday, 2nd November

Tickets will be on sale very soon for our **5th** annual Fireworks Display! We are hoping to make this event a real community occasion and the display will be even bigger and better than ever! The event will include two halls full of stalls - to keep you busy before the display starts - plus music, food & drink, candy floss and much, much more!

We have introduced **Group Tickets** this year to make this fantastic event even better value for money, so be sure to invite your friends, family and colleagues!

Tickets will also be going on sale to the public, so get in quick and book yours now to avoid disappointment!

• **Teddies/Toys** - Do you have any teddies or toys that are in a good, clean, like new condition and would be suitable for our teddy/toy tombola at our Fireworks event? If so, we would be very grateful for any donations! These can be left in either of the school receptions for us to collect.

• **Gift Bags** - We would also be grateful for any used or unwanted gift bags that you may have lying around at home, for one of our stalls at our Fireworks event. These can also be left in either of the schools' receptions.

- Thank you -

Our events rely solely on parents and teachers who can spare their time after school to assist. Without this it would not be possible for our fantastic events to happen.

You do not have to be a regular attendee of FoPS but if you can spare a couple of hours to help at an event then that would be fantastic.

Thank you for all your support which is what makes it all possible.

Should you wish to contact FoPS, please use one of the post boxes located in either schools' office.

Thank you!

Michelle - FoPS Chair

Christmas Cards & Tea Towels

(sorry, we know it's only September!)

Over the last two weeks at school, all the children have been getting festive!! They have all been creating and designing their own special artwork that will be made into Christmas cards and gift tags etc - ready for you to order at the beginning of October.

Infant children will also be working on their own unique design to add to our keepsake tea towel - which will also be available to purchase.

Keep checking your emails - full details of the above will be sent out to you very soon!



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THE PARKLAND FEDERATION
5TH ANNUAL FIREWORKS
EXTRAVAGANZA

THIS PROMISES TO BE A SPECTACULAR EVENT
OUR LARGEST DISPLAY EVER!!

Arranged by 'Friends of Parkland Schools (FoPS)'
Display provided by Alex of Eastbourne Fireworks

FRIDAY
2ND NOVEMBER 2018

THE PARKLAND FEDERATION
(PARKLAND INFANT & JUNIOR SCHOOL)
HAMPDEN PARK
ENTRY VIA BRASSEY AVENUE

GATES OPEN AT 5PM
(DISPLAY AT 6.15PM*)

** maybe subject to slight change*

LIVE MUSIC • TWO HALLS FULL
OF STALLS & GAMES
HOT FOOD • HOT & COLD DRINKS
LOTS OF FUN FOR ALL THE FAMILY!

ADVANCE ADMISSION PRICES:

ALL TICKETS - £4.00 each
(3's and under FREE)

GROUP TICKET - £14.00
(Group of 4)

GROUP TICKET - £17.00
(Group of 5)

ON THE DOOR PRICES:

ALL TICKETS - £5.00 each
(3's and under FREE)

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BOOK EARLY TO AVOID
DISAPPOINTMENT!

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PLEASE RETURN TICKET BOOKING
FORMS TO THE FOPS BOX IN EITHER
SCHOOLS' OFFICE BY
WEDNESDAY, 31 OCTOBER 2018

ALL CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT AND ARE YOUR RESPONSIBILITY
PRIVATE FIREWORKS & SPARKLERS ARE STRICTLY PROHIBITED
WRISTBANDS TO BE WORN AT ALL TIMES
REFUNDS WILL NOT BE ISSUED UNLESS EVENT CANCELLED BY ORGANISER



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Friends of Parkland Schools (FoPS)

AGM

Annual General Meeting



GET INVOLVED!

It's that time of year again!

The Friends of Parkland Schools (FoPS) AGM is being held on **Monday, 1st October** at **2.00pm** - please meet in the **Junior Reception at 2pm** if you would like to attend.

Please do come along if you can - we will be doing a roundup of activities from last year and discussing our plans for this year.

Please note there will be no pressure to take on any official roles; just a get together to celebrate the great things your fundraising made possible and thinking about what we would like to achieve this academic year - all ideas are very welcome!

If you are new to the school, or just haven't been to a FoPS meeting before, then this is a great opportunity to come along. We're a friendly bunch and we love newcomers, new suggestions and of course new helpers!!!

We really hope to see you there!



"Together we can achieve so much"





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10 REASONS TO JOIN FOPS

Your Child Benefits...

FoPS is an important part of the school and our fundraising has provided equipment and activities to help enhance our children's educational experience plus, fun events and treats for the children on special occasions.



To Make a difference...

As well as fundraising, FoPS organises events which add so much to our children's school experience. In the past, FoPS have organised school discos, film nights, Easter Egg hunts and Christmas events and not forgetting the Summer Fair. This creates a real sense of community and benefits the children.



Helping Out...

There are a variety of small ways you can help and be involved - from photocopying and distributing letters in the school, cleaning up after an event, helping out on a stall or at a disco...so many ways.

Everyone has different talents and skills they can bring to the school and parents are a great interface between the school and the 'outside world'. This can be very handy for raffle prizes, sponsorship or professional help.



Whether you want to organise an event or simply help out on the day, you can utilise your existing skills and hobbies, and most likely acquire some new ones too!

We have fun...

Being part of FoPS is a fun and rewarding experience. It's actually quite fun to run the 'teddy tombola' stall at the school Fair or watch the children enjoy themselves at the school disco. Isn't this what it's all about - part of the whole parenting package...?



Make Friends...

Many friendships develop from being part of FoPS. Volunteering your time and working towards a common goal is a rewarding experience. Being part of FoPS helps you get to know other parents and their children and talking to other parents helps you and them; sharing experiences and parenting tips helps us all.



Every FoPS event is an opportunity to meet other parents in the same situation as you and you will be part of a like-minded network of people who all share a common goal of improving the school for all our children.

Getting Involved...

Every parent is welcome to our meetings and we love to see new members. Please consider coming along to our meetings or volunteering a few hours of your time at an event. It's a great way to get involved and feel part of the school family.



Helping at a FoPS event helps you get to know your children's teachers and members of staff better and understand the way the school works. At FoPS meetings you can have your say - you can suggest ideas and input into how funds are spent.

Remember, if you are a parent/carer/teacher you are automatically a member FoPS (Friends of Parkland Schools)!

It's good for your children...

You are your children's most important role model. Showing your children, you value their education will teach them to value it as well.



Although occasionally embarrassed, most children do actually like to know that you are there for them, taking an interest and sharing their experience!

Give a helping hand...

We realise that every parent is busy, so we welcome job-sharing roles in FoPS. Many hands make light work so if more people come forward we can share the work making it more fun for everyone.

The commitment is not too much - the occasional meeting and the odd summer fair or other school fundraiser.

Giving up just 30 minutes of your time to help FoPS is invaluable. If everyone could spare 30 minutes a term to help, just think what we could achieve!



Help Make Memories...

Our children are only at school for a relatively short time. FoPS events such as the Summer Fair will be remembered fondly by our children for a lifetime and we have the opportunity to create lasting memories.



Being part of FoPS also enables you to get to know a wide range of people that you may not have had the opportunity to talk to otherwise.



Keep FoPS going...

FoPS runs on a continuous cycle - as children reach their final year and leave, so do the parents. So, we constantly need new volunteers and new faces to ensure FoPS stays up and running - without parent support, there is no FoPS!

Taking an active role in FoPS is beneficial for both parents and children but will particularly enhance your child's experience of school.

The best bit about contributing to FoPS is the example it sets to your children. They will see you playing an active part in making their education more varied and getting involved illustrates good teamwork and community spirit.