



# 2014/15 Newsletter

*Friends of Crocombe School (FOCS)*

June 2015

Welcome to the FOCS Newsletter for 2014/15. In this Newsletter, we'll let you know all about what FOCS has been up to this year, including events held, money raised and money spent within the School.

## The Committee

For 2014/15 the FOCS Committee remained the same as last year:

- Bobbie Boardman – Chair;
- Michelle Biggs - Vice-chair;
- Vicky Groves – Treasurer;
- Tiffany Talbot – Secretary.

The Committee would like to extend their thanks to each other for all their hard work and of course to all those who have volunteered their time and/or donated items/money.

Please contact a member of the current Committee if you are interested in joining the Committee for the 2015/16 academic year.



Star Prize in the 2014 Christmas Raffle

## FOCS Events

Thanks to the efforts of the FOCS Committee, Members and supporters we've raised approximately £1,100 for the school through events this year:

- November 2014 – School Disco. £101.92 raised.
- December 2014 – Christmas Market. £950.98 raised.
- March 2015 – School Disco. £54.21 raised.

Still to come in 2015, FOCS will be having stalls at the following events:

- 13 June 2015 – Collett Park Day;
- 11 July 2015 – Crocombe Village Fun Day.

If you would like to help out with any of the forthcoming events, please do not hesitate to contact any of the FOCS Committee. Even if you can't help out, please do come along and show your support.

## FOCS Expenditure

With the money raised, FOCS has been delighted to be able to:

- Buy new phonics books in Acorn class - £484.41.
- Subsidise coach hire for school trips, including trips to Strode College (Shakespeare production), the SS Great Britain, Liddington Residential Camp and Blue School Science Day - £368.70.

- Pay for Kinderboxes in Acorn and Chestnut class – £289.90.
- Buy Christmas presents for each class - £154.65.
- Purchase new classroom resources for Acorn class - £120.79.
- Pay for Numicon in Chestnut class - £47.51.
- Pay for dictionaries for Year 6 leavers - £40.00.

Money has also been set aside to spruce up the outdoor learning area by Acorn class and to also purchase outdoor storage boxes for playground toys.



Conkers Class at the SS Great Britain

It is great that FOCS donations go towards such a range of resources for the benefit of all of the children.

### Other FOCS Activities

So what else has FOCS been up to this year?

- *FOCS Meetings.* Every few months, FOCS hold meetings to discuss what we've done and plan to do. The meetings are open to anyone to attend who has a connection to the school, e.g. parents, grandparents and carers.

The meetings are usually held just after school drop off or before collection. Young siblings are welcome to come along too.

- *FOCS Facebook Group.* This 'private' Group was created in October 2013 and continues to keep people up to date with FOCS activities. If anyone would like to join, please contact Alison, Bobbie or Tiffany.
- *FOCS Facebook Page.* In 2014 we re-launched the public Facebook page so that the wider community can see what work we have been doing.
- *FOCS 100 Club.* Each month members of the FOCS 100 Club win a cash prize, typically around £12. See Vicky for further details.
- *Easyfundraising.* Those who have signed up via [easyfundraising.org.uk](http://easyfundraising.org.uk) have helped raise approximately £35 for the school just by shopping online! If you sign up via the link on the FOCS Facebook group pages it can result in an extra £5 donation.
- *Christmas Cards.* In December 2014 we sold Christmas Cards designed by the children, raising £120.50.
- *Clothes for a Cause.* Your donations helped raise £174.85 for FOCS this year.

Thank you to everyone who has helped out with these activities. We hope you will continue to support us in 2015/16.

**For further information about FOCS and what you can do to help out, please contact a member of the FOCS committee.**

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