

FOTSA Newsletter

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What is FOTSA?

FOTSA is the **F**riends of **T**ottenham & **S**t. Michael-at-Bowes **A**ssociation. FOTSA is made up of parents of children in the schools and is registered charity (no.1176088). We support our schools by raising vital funds and by running events. In the year 2017/2018 FOTSA hosted 4 fantastic events - a parents' quiz night, 2 school discos, and the summer fair - and raised an amazing **£5,905!** Thank you to everyone who came along and supported the events or who helped in any way. This, and fundraising from previous years, enabled FOTSA to give £6,848 to the schools to spend last year.

Last year £3,751 went to St. Michael at Bowes and **£3,097** went to Tottenham This was spent on replacing chairs for Year 5 (£1,650) Christmas tree & presents, Year 6 Leavers books, playground benches, coaches to the to the Christmas show (£600) and to summer trips (£915), bookbags for every reception child, maintenance of the Tottenham Fish and buying books.



Summer Fair Saturday 22nd June Always the biggest event for FOTSA – and this year we were so lucky with the weather! With a fantastic afternoon of entertainment from our circus skills sessions, wet sponge throwing, crafts including salad spinner and rock painting, face painting and bouncy castle plus a BBQ, huge toy and book sale and the amazing raffle and silent auction. And a visit by our local fire-fighters and their fire engine! We were pleased so many families came to enjoy the day, and we raised a fantastic £4,500 for the schools – with massive thanks to all of the parents, grandparents, friends, relatives and teachers who volunteered to help on the day or in preparation.

FOTSA Events Planned for 2019/2020



17th July - next **Happy School Bags** collection. Please bag up all your unwanted clean clothes (but not school uniform!), towels, bed linen, shoes and bags and leave with Tottenham office between Monday 15th and **9am Wednesday 17th July**. This regularly raises over £200 – thank you!!

Saturday 28th September – We are hosting a fundraising event as part of our continuing effort to purchase a community access defibrillator, with proceeds partly going to the British Heart Foundation. Save the date – more details to follow!



Wednesday 30th October 6.30pm-8.30pm will be the FOTSA Annual General Meeting (AGM) where we review the successes of this year and plan for the next. Please come along with your ideas on events for FOTSA to run and suggestions for how the fundraising should be spent.

Please continue to bag up unwanted uniform – FOTSA are hoping to run more regular second-hand uniform sales. Donate your unwanted uniform and pick up the next size up! **Dates for Autumn term tbc.**



If you shop online, please could you sign up to easyfundraising to support FOTSA?

It's a really easy way to raise money – you just use the easyfundraising site or app to shop online with more than 3,500 well-known stores like Amazon, Argos and Sainsburys, and when you make a purchase, the retailer sends us a free donation, at no extra cost to you. With only **32** parents signed up we have already raised **£395!** We want to raise as much as possible, so please visit <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/fotsa/>



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