FOTSA Newsletter – December 2019

What is FOTSA?

FOTSA is the Friends of Tottenhall & St. Michael-at-Bowes Association – the PTA (Parent and Teacher Association) for our schools. FOTSA is registered charity (no.1176088). Parents, teachers and friends of the schools help to raise vital funds and by running fun events. In the year 2018/2019 FOTSA raised an amazing £9360! This was our best ever fundraising year so thank you to everyone who came along and supported the events or who helped in any way.

Last year £4473 was spent by Tottenhall school, on coaches for school trips (£2843) as well as maintaining the fish tank and buying books and book bags. £2404 was spent by St. Michaels on Year 4 chairs and the Christmas tree and party.

This year, as well as funding coaches, books and parties FOTSA is planning on purchasing a community access defibrillator.

Events Planned for 2019/2020 – Dates for your Diaries



Christmas Disco – Tottenhall – Friday 13th **December** Annual end of term disco for Tottenhall school, music, dancing and popcorn.

Winter Wonderland – St. Michael at Bowes Monday 16th **December 2.30pm.** The children from St. Michael's will be selling their hand made products. There will also be a 2nd hand toy sale and cake sale. Volunteers and donations of toys and cakes wanted!





Happy School Bag clothing donations - 8th January and again on 16th July collection days. Please bag up all your unwanted clean clothes (but not school uniform!), towels, bed linen, shoes and bags and leave with Tottenhall office. This regularly raises over £200 – thank you!!

Please continue to bag up unwanted uniform – FOTSA are hoping to run more regular second-hand uniform sales at parents' evenings. Donate your unwanted uniform and pick up the next size up!.





Friday 7th **February** from 7pm will be the 4th year of our very successful Parents' Quiz night, including full hot dinner! Tickets will be on sale from January, however to make this event a success we need new volunteers to cook food in advance and serve the dinners and drinks – can you help?

Thursday 13th **February** St. Michael at Bowes will host the Valentines Discos (Year 3 & 4 / Year 5 & 6). Tickets will be on sale in February



Summer Fair Saturday 20th June 2020. Always the biggest event for FOTSA – last year we had a fantastic afternoon of entertainment including circus skills sessions, crafts, face painting and bouncy castle plus a BBQ, toy and book sale and 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 £4,500 for the schools. We know for 2020 we need more volunteer face-painters, and volunteers for all the other amazing activities so if you can help please do get in touch.



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