

# FONS



## Friends of Newdigate School

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Welcome to all the new families joining Newdigate School and welcome back to those returning to Years 1 & 2.

### What is FONS?

The Friends of Newdigate School (FONS) are a group of parents, grandparents, ex teachers etc who organise events during the academic year to raise funds for Newdigate School. In recent months, funds have been spent on a new furniture, library books, learning resources and maintenance of the swimming pool.

### Who's Who?

Following the AGM on 24<sup>th</sup> September, the FONS Committee is confirmed as follows:

**Co-Chair:**  
**Pippa Bennett**  
Isabelle's Mum  
(Owls)



**Co-Chair:**  
**Rachel Lyndon**  
Connor's Mum  
(Owls)



**Vice Chair:**  
**Lauren Pople**  
Rubie's Mum  
(Foxes)



**Secretary:**  
**James Penfold**  
Jessica's & Henry's  
Dad (Owls & HHs)



**Outgoing  
Treasurer:**  
**Martin Bramhill**  
(Ex-parent)



**Incoming  
Treasurer:**  
**Beth Vander**  
(Hedgehogs)



### FONS Committee Members:

- Laura Glen-Cooper (Foxes)
- Amy Cherriman (Foxes)
- Charlotte Ward (Hedgehogs)
- Kathryn Davies (Owls)
- Elizabeth Baldwin (Hedgehogs)
- Beth Vander (Hedgehogs)

### Quiz Night – Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October

Tickets are still available for £10 which includes a fish N chip dinner (or sausage N chips or veggie sausage N chips). Tickets without food are £5. For the first time, the FONS Quiz will be held in Newdigate Cricket Club. Our quizzes are always great fun so don't worry if you don't have a team, just come along on the night and we can throw teams together! Tickets must be bought in advance and are available from PTA Events online or you can give cash to your class reps or the School office marking your name and food choice on the envelope.

[www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofnewdigateschool](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofnewdigateschool)

## **Class Reps**

Thank you to the volunteers who have kindly agreed to be the class reps this year. Class reps are your point of contact for buying cash tickets to FONS events, can organise class get-togethers and will approach you when we need volunteers eg to man stalls at the Xmas Fayre. If you don't know who your class rep is, please see the photos below!

**Hedgehogs Rep:  
Charlotte Ward  
Toby's Mum**



**Hedgehogs Rep:  
Kirsty Hudson  
Sam's Mum**



**Foxes Rep:  
Lucy Miners  
Jess' Mum**



**Foxes Rep:  
Amy Cherriman  
Thea's Mum**



**Owls Rep:  
Dolly  
Persephone's Mum**



**Owls Rep:  
Sophia Chambre  
Edward's Mum**



**Owls Rep:  
Kathryn Davies  
Evie's Mum**



## **Christmas Fayre Planning Meetings**

Thank you to everyone who attended our Christmas Fayre planning meetings. We had lots of offers of help but there are still jobs which need to be allocated. If you would like to be added to the list of Fayre helpers please email [NewdigateFONS@outlook.com](mailto:NewdigateFONS@outlook.com) and we can send you the planning document with full details.

## **Christmas Cards**

Keep an eye out for a Christmas card template which will be sent home in the next few days for your child to design their own Christmas card. Once the designs are submitted, proofs are sent home and you can then place your order for cards and mugs. Completed design sheets must be returned to the School by Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October.

## **Bag 2 School / Happy School Bag**

For the last few years we have used Bag2School to collect unwanted clothes to raise money for the School. They pay us 40p per kilo. However, this year we are hoping to try using Happy School Bag as they pay 60p per kilo. We are in the process of ordering bags and booking a collection date. We will confirm the details as soon as possible. In the meantime, hang on to your unwanted clothes, shoes and accessories ready to donate.

## **FONS Vacancies**

We have several roles that still need to be filled. If you can offer some time please consider the following roles and contact us if you'd like to discuss further:

ROLE	WHAT	WHO
Teas & Coffee Coordinator	Serve hot drinks at approx 6 events per year If not available, organise others to serve	Vacant
Happy School Bag Coordinator	Book collection, supervise collection day	Vacant
Xmas Wreath Maker	Learn to make wreaths to fulfil orders on 2 <sup>nd</sup> Dec	Vacant
Swimming pool administrator	Organise training courses, manage pool rota	Vacant
Swimming pool maintenance	Help maintain the pool, as part of a team, including balancing chemicals etc	Vacant
Magic Show / Disco Coordinator	Poster distribution, prep snacks, monitor event with other volunteers, available 27/3 & 3/7 PMs	Vacant

### Important dates for diary

Quiz Night – Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October 7.30pm in Newdigate Cricket Club – all welcome  
 Christmas Card Design Deadline – Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October  
 FONS Committee Meeting – Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October – 7.30pm The Surrey Oaks – all welcome  
 Christmas Fayre wrapping party – Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November  
 Christmas Fayre set up – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November 3.15pm  
 Christmas Fayre – Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November 11am-2pm  
 Movie Night – YR only – Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January 3pm  
 Movie Night – Y1/Y2 – Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 3.10pm  
 Magic Show – YR/Y1/Y2 – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March 3.10pm  
 Easter Egg Hunt – open to Pre-School and School – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April – after pickup  
 Disco – First session = Pre-School & Reception, Second session = Y1/Y2 – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July

### From the FONS Team

Email: [NewdigateFONS@outlook.com](mailto:NewdigateFONS@outlook.com)

E-ticketing: [www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofnewdigateschool](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofnewdigateschool)

Facebook closed group: Friends of Newdigate School

Facebook public page: Friends of Newdigate School

### Other ways to help FONS raise money for the school

#### EasyFundraising

Sign up to Easy Fundraising so the school receives commission on your online shopping. It's really quick and easy and to date has raised over £900 for the school.

Visit <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/newdigatepta/> to sign up and click 'Support This Cause'. You can download the 'Donation Reminder' so that you see a reminder message when shopping on eligible websites and there's also a mobile app for smart phones and/or iPad.



#### Northbrook

Northbrook sell quality wrapping paper, cards, tags, ribbons, bows, toys & games. We receive 15% commission. Visit: [www.northbrookfundraising.co.uk](http://www.northbrookfundraising.co.uk) and click 'Shop Now'. Select 'Newdigate Infant School' from the drop-down menu. There is a delivery charge for orders and items will be delivered to the home or work address you specify.



#### Easy2Name

Please consider using Easy2Name to purchase school uniform name tags as FONS receives 20% commission. You can buy stick-on, iron-on and sew-on labels as well as other personalised items. Visit [www.easy2name.com](http://www.easy2name.com) and select 'Newdigate PTA' as the fundraising group.

