

FRIENDS OF SWGS

October 2016



CHRISTMAS FAIR

Our joint Christmas Fair – held in conjunction with Bishop Wordsworth's School – will take place on Saturday 19th November, from 10.30am-2.30pm, in the BWS sports hall. We'll have a whole host of stalls, selling a wide variety of items, so do come along and pick up some Christmas presents and other festive treats.

The SWGS Junior Choir will be singing at 1.30pm to entertain Fair-goers. There will be mulled wine, a café serving delicious cakes and craft activities for younger children. So do come and get festive with us.



Hampers of festive goodies

Our Christmas Hamper draw will take place in December. We aim to replicate last year's hampers full of gorgeous goodies. Tickets will be sent home in your daughters' bags during November. Last year we raised around £3,500 for the school and we are hoping to do even better this year.

Forthcoming events

- **Monday 7th November**
Friends meeting/AGM at 7pm
– do come along!
- **Saturday 19th November**
Christmas Fair (with BWS)
- **Friday 27th January**
Friends' Burns Night Party
- **Saturday 1st April**
Book stall at Salisbury Market

1000 Club

Here are the results of the latest draws for the **1000 Club**. Thank you to everyone who is supporting us. If you are interested in becoming a member, please email Friends at:

foswgs@swgs.wilts.sch.uk

Many thanks.

Sam Woodward

Draw Winners

August 2016

1st E. Forbes	No 441	£100
2nd K. Boyce	No 135	£50
3rd G. Popovici	No 030	£25

Results for September and October will follow shortly.

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MATCHED GIVING

Many employers operate a matched giving scheme, whereby staff members who volunteer their time to raise money can double the funds raised. One of our recent helpers at the skittles evenings applied for a matching grant and thus doubled the proceeds from the event. We are a registered charity and so are eligible for such grants. If your employer has a scheme like this, please consider helping us.

BURNS PARTY

Our fifth
FSWGS BURNS NIGHT PARTY
will be held in the school hall
(7 for 7.30) on
Friday 27th January 2017.

So keep the date free!

The evening will include a traditional two-course haggis supper (veggie option available), including a shot of whisky, piped in by our lively piper Denton.

Following supper, the excellent ceilidh group Spike Island Band will have everyone up on the floor for the Gay Gordons and more. Tickets will be available from the school after Christmas.

It's a great night and we look forward to seeing you there.

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Book stall sets a record

The FSWGS bookstall took place on Saturday, 17th September and raised a fantastic £466 for school funds. This is the largest profit the stall has made over the past seven years that I have been involved with it. We had some good-quality books that attracted people to the stall. A big thank you to all those who donated books.

Nineteen people worked in two-hour shifts on the day. They were certainly needed as we sold more than 900 books in eight hours! Thank you to Chris Childs, Tricia and all the willing helpers for their hard work.

The provisional date for the next FoSWGS bookstall is Saturday, 1st April 2017 and we would be grateful for donations of books (and especially good-quality paperbacks, which always sell quickly) during the week leading up to the sale. We are always looking for people to help with the bookstall; if you would like to, please email foswgs@swgs.wilts.sch.uk with your contact details.

Mary D'Apice

Skittles Nights

Our skittles evenings are always great fun and a good opportunity for new Year 7 girls and their families to get to know each other. This year's two skittles evenings took place in September and were a great success. We hope that new friendships were formed in between the competitive games. Many thanks to everyone who attended and everyone who helped, especially Andy Thayer who took on organising the event for the first time. The evenings raised almost £600.



Friends Committee

Sally Walden	Chair
Lucy Rouse	Secretary
Ed Evans	Treasurer
Sam Woodward	1000 Club

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www.swgs.wilts.sch.uk

If you'd like to stay in touch with us, please go to FOSWGS on Facebook and 'like' us. You will see equipment we purchase for the school and events we organise as well as opportunities to get involved with the school community.