



10 REASONS WHY WE NEED YOUR HELP!

FOBS depends on a continual cycle of parent involvement. As children reach their final year and leave, so do their parents. The teachers and head support us when possible, but without all your support, there is no FOBS - **WE REALLY DO NEED YOUR SUPPORT.**

FOBS is a group of parents that work together for the benefit of Bicton CE Primary School and Nursery. Some are full-time parents, some work part-time and some work full-time. **NONE** of us are specialists in fundraising.

We really believe that taking an active role with FOBS is important to your children's success, so we've compiled a list of 10 reasons why helping FOBS will greatly improve your child's experience of school and nursery.

1. You are vital to the success of the school

- Due to budget cuts, schools are becoming more and more dependent on fundraising activities to be able to buy those extra 'nice to have' pieces of equipment for the children.
- With the funds raised by FOBS, your child is benefiting from new computers and ipads, a whole new collection of reading books worth over £2,000, garden and playground equipment, subsidised transport for school trips and much more.

2. It's **TOTALLY** flexible!

- There are a variety of small ways you can help and be involved - from designing a poster, photocopying and distributing letters in the school, helping clean up after an event, helping out on a stall...so many ways.
- Giving up just 1 hour of your time to help FOBS is invaluable. If every family could spare 1 hour a term to help, just think what we could achieve!
- You don't have to attend FOBS meetings - you can use our contact details to offer your help or send in ideas for discussion.

3. You'll feel more connected

- There's no better way to know what events are being planned, have your say or make new fundraising suggestions, than by offering your help and support.
- You'll get to know teachers and support staff.

4. You'll be part of a great network

- Every FOBS event is an opportunity to meet other parents in the same situation as you.
- You will be part of a network of people, all at a similar stage of life, who share a common goal of improving the school for all our children.



5. Make a difference

- By volunteering to help FOBS, you'll be able to use whatever skills you have for a great cause.
- FOBS strives to establish a supportive and encouraging community for the entire school.

6. We're not just for mums!

- It's important to FOBS, our school and nursery and our pupils to have dads represented on our committee and to help reach out to other dads.
- Are you a dad with a skill that would come in useful, for example can you barbeque, DJ, compère or run sports sessions?
- All guardians are really welcome; we would also love to have the help of grandparents for example.

7. Be a role model

- By getting involved with FOBS, you'll show your children that not only are they important to you, but their education is as well.
- Getting involved illustrates good teamwork and community spirit and might even contribute to your next CV!

8. What FOBS does affects every parent and pupil

- Your ideas and involvement helps improve the quality of education for all the children at our school and nursery.
- See the smiles on everyone's faces and know that you have played a part in making school a stronger community and lots more fun!

9. It's fun!

- Help plan fun events, socials and get-togethers
- Suggest NEW fun ways to raise funds
- Get your whole family involved!

10. Finally...

Our children's time at Bicton passes so quickly... FOBS events such as the Discos and BBQs are remembered fondly by the children for a lifetime. The equipment and resources FOBS helps fund make learning even more engaging.

Help us continue to create lasting memories for our children.