

The Friends of Woore School, or FOWS for short, are a charitable organisation who exist with the aim of providing financial and practical support to Woore Primary School to ensure that the children have access to, and benefit from, a range of equipment and experiences they may not otherwise have due to funding constraints.

In the past FOWS funds have been used for a range of things from iPads to the incredible pirate ship climbing frame in the playground and everything in between. After a fantastic year of fundraising, this year, FOWS have been able to donate over £3000 for equipment, library books, workshops and more.

On top of that, in the last few months, we received an incredibly generous donation that the Donors stipulated be put towards the school's fantastic forest school provision and to provide equipment for Special Educational Needs. We are sure that this money will bring something amazing for the children.

The Friends of Woore meet roughly once a month to plan events and fundraising activity. We currently have 11 members who are incredibly committed and willing to do almost anything in the name of fundraising. In fact, this weekend a group of us are going on a 16 mile hike through Manifold Valley and up to Thor's Cave. If anyone would like to support us in this slightly mad venture the justgiving link is on the handouts at the front. Of course we are also more than happy to accept cash or cheques.

In addition to these larger events we have a couple of things that happen all year round that anyone can get involved in.

We have a school lottery that someone in our draw wins every week. This is a steady source of income for FOWS that enables us to fund the smaller things throughout the school year, such as eggs for the children at easter and a book from santa at Christmas. The more people that play the lottery the bigger the prize. If you'd like to sign up the details are, again, on the handout.

Our other year round initiative, which unsurprisingly, is also on your handout, is easyfundraising. Easyfundraising is a website that connects retailers to charities. If you start your shopping from the easyfundraising website or app the place you buy from will make a donation to the charity of your choice. The amount of the donation differs from shop to shop but is typically 1 - 2% of the order. There are loads of retailers involved so whether you're doing the food shop online, buying concert tickets or even shopping for an airfryer you can help us raise money without it costing you a penny.

Now, finally, I am thrilled to be able to announce that we are in the midst of organising the annual fete in the school grounds. The date for this year's fete is Saturday 8th July! We are always on the look out for volunteers for fete day. So if anyone is willing to man a stall on the day or help us with set up please don't be shy. The Friends of woore email address is also on the handout at the front and we'd love to have you on board.

Thank you for your time.