



NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2022



UPDATE ON LAST YEARS EVENTS

Wreath Making night - A lot of festive fun was had at our first wreath making night. Just look at these fabulous creations ! Many thanks to Mayberry Garden Centre and CW Landscapes for their donations as well as the contributions from Benfield families. This is one event we will definitely be repeating next year



Classfundraising cards/gifts - The children created some amazing artwork to adorn their personalised cards and gifts. Thank you for your orders

The BIG PTA Raffle with ParentKind – Unfortunately we had no big wins this time but we did raise £48. Thank you to all those who bought a ticket

Festive Friday = £110 and the Rainbow Tombola = £160

Thank you so much to the Co-Op on Church Rd and a generous Iguana parent for their contributions. Also, to all the volunteers who

helped
behind the
stalls



DONATIONS

Last year we had some amazing support for our regular afterschool Friday sales. This year it will continue and we will have an upcoming events poster to keep you updated on what to expect

If you would like to donate any items then FABS are looking for the following;

Good condition second-hand uniform, PE kits, bags & coats

Children's books – especially KS2 and reference books

Outgrown fancy dress outfits/accessories – especially for World Book Day

Festive jumpers/t-shirts/accessories

Seasonal decorations/trees for all events – Spring, Summer, Winter !

Any tubs/jars/tubes that can be used as Jolly Jars

Please contact us or leave with the school office for us to collect - Thank you

TEXTILE RECYCLING SCHEME

We are very happy to announce that as from January 2022, Astra Recycling are **increasing our price per kilo to 0.30p** from 0.20p previously !!

They are also introducing a referral bonus too. So, if we recommend them to another school or charity and they place a bank on site, they will give us **£50.00 !!** If you have any ideas of anyone who would be interested then please let us know

Thank you everyone that has donated their unwanted clothes, shoes, bags bedding and soft toys so far this year

September	£29.40
October	£13.35
November	£4.20

DONATE CLOTHING SHOES & TEXTILES

We now have a permanent textile bin to collect donations

All monies raised through Astra Recycling will go towards fundraising for **Friends At Benfield School (FABS)**



WE ACCEPT the following wearable items:

- All men's, ladies & children's clothing 👕 👖
- Paired Shoes 👟 👠
- Handbags, bags, ties and belts 👜
- Bed clothes, towels, soft toys 🛏️ 🧸

Astra Recycling **CANNOT** accept and pay for the following items:

- Duvets both synthetic and feathered
- Pillows & cushions
- Carpets & Rugs
- Soiled or wet clothing
- Workwear
- Shredded or mutilated textile material
- Textile off cuts, yarns or threaded material

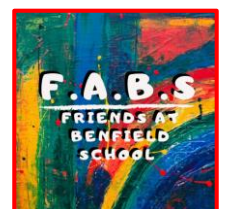
THE TEXTILE BIN CAN BE FOUND AT THE MAIN ENTRANCE IN THE CAR PARK

ASTRA RECYCLING

www.astrarecycling.co.uk



We work to promote textile recycling, reduce waste to landfill and also give people the opportunity to get something back for their unwanted textiles. Our Cash 4 Clothes recycling scheme is designed to benefit local communities, charities and schools



December £9.90
January £10.50

OUR NEW COMMITTEE FOR 2021/22



FRIENDS AT BENFIELD SCHOOL PTA (FABS)

To get involved and find out more about what we do or how you could help,
please get in touch



Lisa Harwood
Chair



Helen Turner
Secretary



Jess Keilthy
Treasurer



Nina Pickering
Committee Member



Fanny Simmonds
Committee Member



Bonni Gilfoyle
Committee Member



Sarah Williams
Committee Member



CLASS REPRESENTATIVES

REC	Jenny Smith	YEAR 3	Stephanie Fletcher
YEAR 1	Sair Williams		Susan Lennan-Spence
	Hazel Tomlin	YEAR 4	Kelly Lewis
YEAR 2	Bonni Gilfoyle	YEAR 5	Auri Millar
		YEAR 6	Connah Burbidge

HOW WE KEEP YOU UP TO DATE

We would love to hear from you and are always happy to hear feedback on our events and how we can fundraise in the future

- **CONTACT US** by emailing us at fabbenfield@hotmail.com
- **JOIN OUR FACEBOOK GROUP** at **FABS – FRIENDS AT BENFIELD PTA** for up-to-date information & news
- **JOIN OUR WHATSAPP VOLUNTEERS** group **'Helping Hands'**, please email us at fabbenfield@hotmail.com for an invite link

→ **CHAT WITH YOUR CLASS REP** – every year group has someone you can talk to about FABS and how you can support us and get involved

HOW YOU CAN FUNDRAISE AT HOME

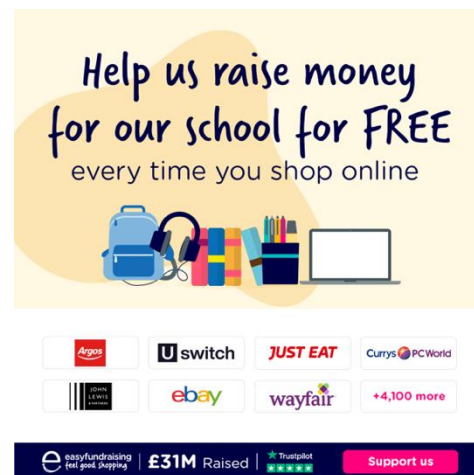
Easyfundraising

We would like you to consider helping us to raise funds via the easyfundraising website if you can. This is a very easy way to raise money for the school and simply involves you doing your internet shopping with the normal retailers having signed up first with easyfundraising. It can be used whilst shopping online at home, from your phone or at your workplace

So how does it work?

You sign up to

<http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/benfieldprimary> and then just visit your favourite retailers through the easyfundraising website or app and shop as normal. Once you've made a purchase our retailers will then make a small donation to your school to say 'Thank You' There are **over 4,100** retailers to choose from, so you'll be spoilt for choice !



How much can you raise?

The donation per purchase will generally be between 0.5% and 10%

Some retailers - including insurance and broadband providers - will pay a flat fee which can be in the £100s!

AmazonSmile

You shop – Amazon gives

Amazon donates 0.5% of the net purchases price (excluding VAT, returns and shipping fees) of eligible purchases to the charitable organisation of your choice

AmazonSmile is the same Amazon you know. Same products, same prices, same service

Support your charitable organisation by starting your shopping at www.smile.amazon.co.uk



MyNametags

Friends At Benfield School receives 24% of the order total in fundraising whilst reducing lost property. Quote the School ID - **20185** - when you order online at www.MyNametags.com



My Nametags colour stickers can be stuck into school uniform and clothing, and stay on in the wash, covering all those back-to-school labelling needs. Applied to the washing or care labels of the clothes, they will stay on for years. These name tags can also be used for school ties, other school wear and any other clothing, as well as for all equipment, such as PE bags, lunchboxes, bottles and books, CDs

and DVDs. The stickers can also be used to label shoes. The school labels can bend around curved items and they are very easy to put on. The labels are simple for parents to design and order. [Plus, if you buy from MyNametags through easyfundraising you can raise an additional 5%](#)