

FABS NEWSLETTER

SPRING 2025



Spring is coming

With the help of Parentkind we have been able to benefit from **3 fantastic initiatives** they have been offering PTA's like ours.

Parentkind is a national charity that exists to empower all with parental or educational responsibility to improve the life chances of children, young people and their communities. They give those in a parenting role a voice in education. They have also been working with PTA members for 66 years and have helped raise up to £121 million a year for their schools. Check them out at <https://www.parentkind.org.uk>

No Cold Child campaign— Back in November we were able to purchase **15 brand new Fat Face winter coats** that we were able to distribute to our school community. We also had lots of other coats that had been kindly donated ensuring that all Benfield children came to school warm and ready to learn.



Asda Cashpot for Schools – A campaign which included Joe Wicks' support. Although we do not have an Asda locally, we did manage to **raise a total of £158.42**. Thank you to the families that downloaded the Asda Rewards app and shopped with us in mind.

All Dressed Up Donations - Rubies fancy dress, in partnership with World Book Day, gave away 100,000 free costumes to schools with a Free Schools Meals entitlement of 25%+. We were lucky enough to receive **two big boxes of dress up costumes**, which the school will use to help support and include children to participate in these events and encourage a love for reading.



PRE-LOVED UNIFORM POP-UP at the next Parents Evening in April

If you are in need of any uniform, then please contact the school or FABS directly. We ask for a small donation but only if you are able to

SPRING DISCOS

KS2 (Years 3, 4, 5 & 6)

Friday 21st March 3.15 to 5pm

Reception/KS1 (Years 1 & 2)

Friday 28th March 3.15 to 5pm

Tickets available on MCAS now at £4.50
Includes entertainment, face paint, tattoos, games and a snack !!

THE COMMITTEE

We had our Annual General Meeting in February and now have our committee for 2024/25

Chair – Lisa Harwood (until July 2025)

Treasurer – Sarah Attwood

Committee Members – Bonni Gilfoyle and Gemma Wall



Meet the Committee

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



Sarah Attwood
Treasurer



Bonni Gilfoyle
Committee Member



Gemma Wall
Committee Member

Email us at fabbenfield@hotmail.com, look out for MCAS Announcements & our Newsletters

Keep up-to-date by joining our Facebook Page 'FABS - Friends At Benfield School'

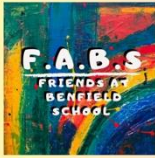


We are looking for new members, and in particular, a new Chair and Secretary to be able to continue the PTA into next year and beyond

The charity and PTA cannot continue without a full committee. If you are interested or have any questions, please email Lisa at fabbenfield@hotmail.com

Here's a reminder of all the amazing things that your donations and fundraising have achieved so far this academic year - thank you for your support

- We welcomed our new Penguin class with their house t-shirt and a new reading book
- Gifted all the Year 6 Pumas with their Leavers Hoodies
- Helped Father Christmas to gift a new reading book to every pupil and supplied a popcorn treat at the school Pantomime
- Bought 15 new winter coats with the help of Parentkind's No Cold Child campaign
- Committed to the £6 per pupil funding for enrichment trips/workshops
- Given away a free book to every pupil at our World Book Day stall
- Bought a new diverse and inclusive book for each classroom to keep



WITHOUT FABS THE SCHOOL WOULDN'T HAVE THESE EVENTS, SALES & FUNDING

SPRING DISCOS **BOOK SALES**

FUN SPONSORED EVENTS

SCHOOL TEA TOWELS **PRE-LOVED UNIFORM POP-UPS**

SUMMER FAIRS **SPORTS DAY ICE-POLES**

FROZEN FRIDAYS **YEAR 6 LEAVERS HOODIES**

£6 PER PUPIL FOR ENRICHMENT TRIPS/VISITS **SPOOKY SALES**

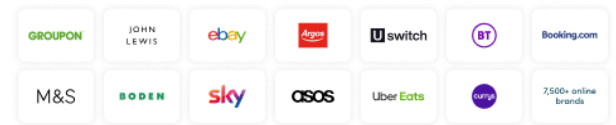
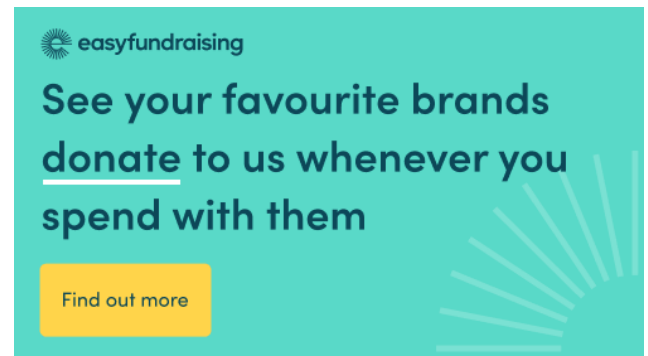
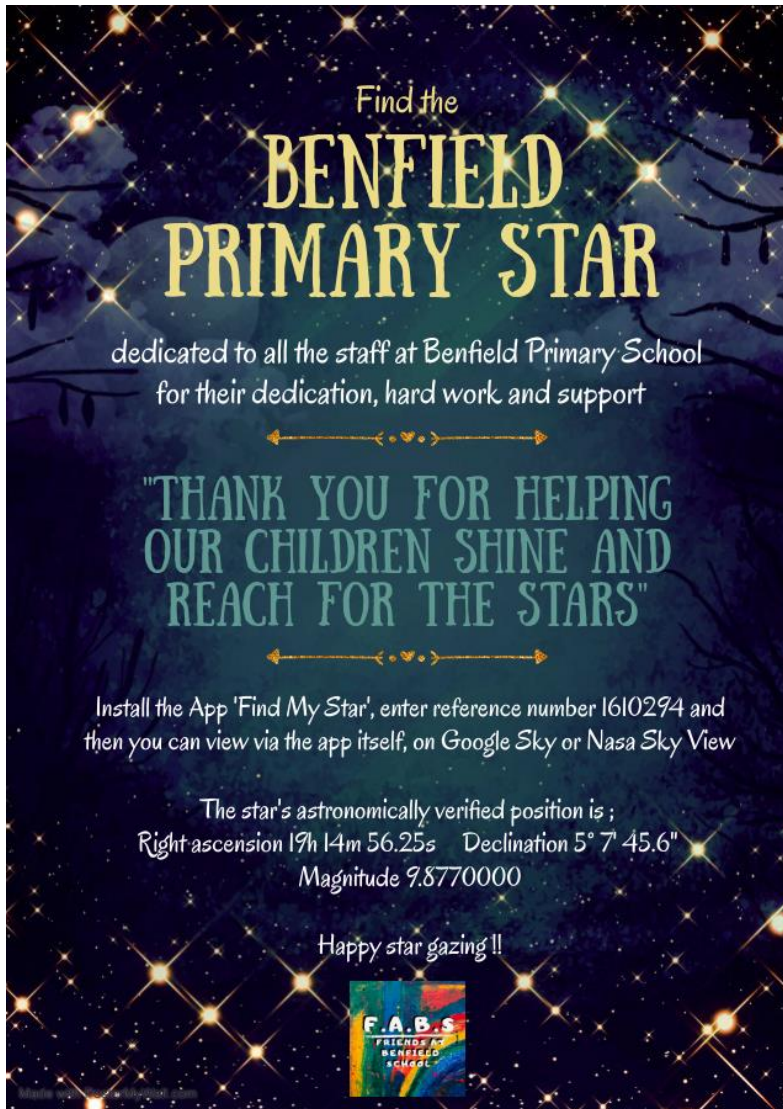
NEW STARTER PACKS FOR RECEPTION

WINTER DISCOS **ADULT WREATH MAKING EVENT**

PERSONALISED CHRISTMAS CARDS & GIFTS

NATIVITY REFRESHMENTS

Did you know that we have a Benfield Star



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

- What would you like to see from our school PTA ?
 - How can we improve or what do we do well ?
- Would you like to get more involved or want to know more about how you can help ?
 - Email us at fabbenfield@hotmail.com
- There are many ways in which you can help FABS to raise money without spending a penny ! Visit our <https://linktr.ee/fabsbenfield> for all the links
- Join our private Facebook group at **FABS – FRIENDS AT BENFIELD PTA** for up-to-date information & news
 - If you would like to join our **Volunteers Whatsapp** group, please email us at fabbenfield@hotmail.com