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Dear Parents, Carers and Teachers,

Welcome to the 'new' Focus newsletter!

Focus is the parent teacher association of UCPS. Every parents and carers automatically becomes a member of Focus. We organize events, bring together our community and raise funds for the school. We are a registered charity and run entirely by volunteers.

Highlight of Events from the Spring Term

Years 3/4 Bake Sale was on 9 February. The event raised £215.

9 March was the impromptu Holi Festival celebration, featuring the traditional colour play, food and drinks. It was a huge success despite the rain! Plus, the event raised £183.61.

Reception Year Bake Sale on 23 March raised a whopping £270.81! The array of colourful cakes and other goodies was very impressive (photo on the next page). The enthusiastic parents donated so many pieces that the organisers decided to donate the leftover delicious cakes to Jimmy's homeless shelter in Cambridge.

The following Monday 26 March saw the children on a fun search mission of East Egg Hunt. There were signposts and clues and the hidden baskets with egg tokens (and golden ones if you were very lucky). We raised £295.09 for the School!

Focus Communication Channels

Following a review of all the channels that were used before, we have decided to use classlist.com as the main channel for future communications between Focus members. We will update the Focus webpage on the School website as well as pages on other social media soon.



Upcoming Events

May 12

Scratch Day

Part of worldwide coding event.

May 24

Film Night

Magic in darkened places.

May 25

Bake Sale (organized by Y1)

Sweet treats.

June 8

Coffee Morning

June 22

Bake Sale (Y2)

June 29

School Disco

July 7

Summer Fayre

Next Focus Meeting...

... is at 8:30am after drop-off on **27th April Friday** in Room 1. Please come alone to hear about the up-and-coming events and how you can get involved!

Other bits

Grants and New Grant Request Form

Focus has made the following grants since 1 Nov 2017:

1. Nov 17, £701.89 to the School for outdoor play area;
2. Feb 18, £78.20 for a Thesaurus for Thames Class;
3. Mar 18, £140.12 for Y2 forest school equipment;

More grants are in the pipeline! Including:

1. School curriculum books;
2. Forest School project;
3. Music room; and
4. A school minibus. Yes!

Teachers, class reps and parents can request funding from Focus for any items or activities by completing the following form ([Word](#), [PDF](#)) and send to focus@universityprimaryschool.org.uk or give to any Focus Committee members.

So, many thanks for all your generous support!

Class Reps and Focus Committee

Class Reps:

Acorns (Rebecca, Ova and Christine), Pumpkins (Antonieta, Victoria), Sunflowers (Howard, Jessica, Adri)

Bumblebees (Mariko, Bekah), Butterflies (Elizabeth, Caroline), Dragonflies (Alli, Shoshanna)

Skylarks (Elisa, Ellie), Swifts (Liz)

Oaks (Yiva); Thames (Stephen)

Focus Committee members:

Anahi (Pablo, Swifts), Anne (Shane, Swifts), Debora (Secretary; Isabella, Acorns and Lucas, Oaks), Hai (Treasurer; Magnus, Pumpkins and Benedict, Acorns), Leah (Benjamin, Swifts), Nickie (Chair; Isabella, Thames and Lola, Swifts) and Noemi (Isabel, Oaks and Eloise, Dragonflies)



Fundraising Tips

Co-op Local Community Fund

You can choose UCPS as your '[cause](#)' via Co-op website and Focus will receive 1% of your spending. We have raised £360.29 just this year so far.

Easyfundraising.org

Please register with [easyfundraising.org.uk](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk). When you make an online purchase (from grocers to Amazon to travel to insurance and so on) afterwards, Focus will get a percentage of what you spend! From the 62 supporters who currently signed on, we have raised £1,346.85 so far for the school!