

Dear St Catherine's Community,

It's CHRISTMAS and we wanted to wish all the St Cat's families a joyous Christmas. Without doubt this has been a very bizarre year though it has been great for our girls (and us) to have the stability and enrichment of school and to be able to unite as a force for good for our local community. This year in absence of the FOSC Christmas school fair we have turned our focus to helping those less fortunate in our community by supporting:

The Richmond Food Bank at the Vineyard with goodie bags to bring some joy and needed necessities to families and the homeless this Christmas.

The Richmond Christmas Day Dinner with stocking fillers and a just giving page raising money for presents. This is a remarkable local charity that each year creates a wonderful Christmas day experience for young adults leaving care, so that no care leaver ever feels alone on Christmas Day.

FOSC you have been amazing, we have **raised £1120** for The Richmond Christmas Day Dinner and delivered car loads of goodie bags and stocking fillers to these two wonderful and incredibly grateful charities. **THANKYOU SO VERY MUCH FOR YOUR GENEROSITY AND SUPPORT.**

Charity drives such as these do not happen without a team, so special thanks go to Simon and Andrea for suggesting and liaising with these charities, the caretaker team for loading up the cars, Andrea, Diana, and Lorraine for delivering the gifts and Henry Warner and the form tutors for enacting the plans in school.



Prizes for the most 'festive and fun' decorated bags from each form will be given out by form tutors this week and winners will be announced in the next newsletter.



In the words of the song "It's the most wonderful time of the year!" FOSC partnered with Holly, owner and lead florist at Holly & The Ivy, and St Cat's alumni, for a whimsical and virtual **Christmas Wreath Making Workshop**. From kits crammed full of delights, and lots of floristry wire, we created wonderful unique wreaths that are adorning a door near you (a selection you can see below)! The event was really enjoyed by all who attended and so we are already planning a repeat for Advent 2021. Watch this space!



Part 2 of the FOSC AGM was held on Tuesday, 24 November 2020 at 20.00 via Zoom and we elected the Committee for this academic year.

Chair: Simone Sheehan

Treasurer: Laeona McGrath

Catering/food: Simon Watkins

Vice Chairs: Andrea Sheehan and Henry Hawkins

Secretary: Polly Fox

Raffle Co-ordinators: Diana, Ros and Kirsten

We are still looking for a Class Rep Co-ordinator, Catering/Bar, Estate Agent Board Co-ordinator and Cake Sale Co-ordinator (when we can safely resume our fortnightly cakes and healthy treat sale).

We want to make 2021 all about strengthening our St Cat's community, supporting our local community, and fundraising for specific 'school enrichment' items. And we need YOU so please do consider joining the FOSC team or email your suggestions for an online event/fundraiser to fosc.vicechair@yahoo.com

Wishing you all a wonderful Christmas and a happy, healthy, and socially close 2021!

