

# FOPS Newsletter - spring 2024

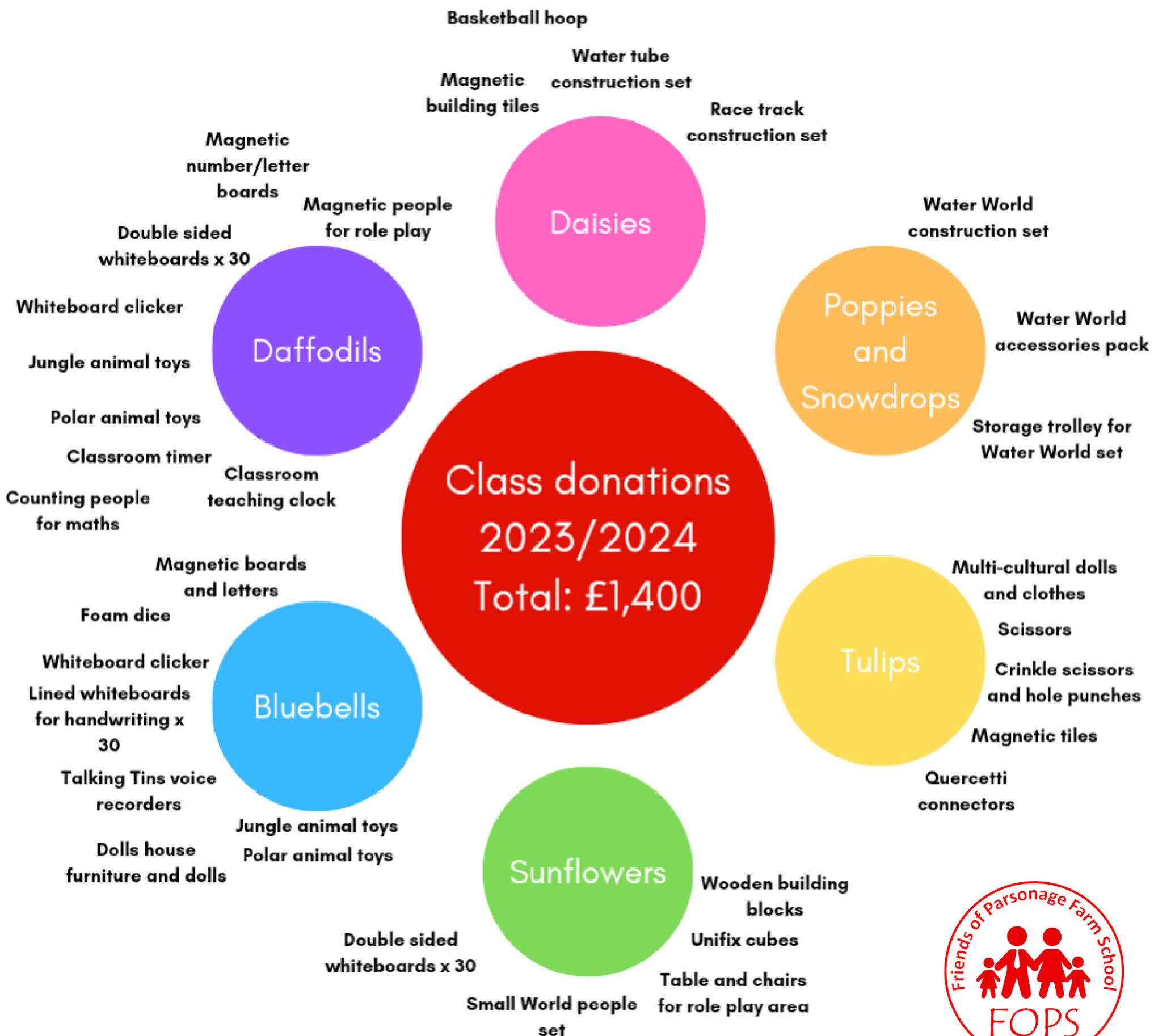
As another year rolls around, here's a little update on all that has been happening at FOPS recently, as well as details of the events we have planned for the rest of the school year!

## Spending

Our main donation this year has been the new bike shed - we are really pleased to see this being well used by children! We have also funded the school's PHSE programme (Scarf) for the year, along with the pantomime visit before half term. We also made our usual yearly class donations - each class received £200, and you can see below all the brilliant equipment this has purchased!

## Fundraising

This year, the school has asked FOPS to help fund equipment for a new outdoor play shed. We are hoping to raise around £2k to donate towards outdoor toys which the children can use at break time. We have also been asked to help make further improvements to the Friendship Area, and are looking at options to provide an outdoor library and new benches in this area. All funds raised this year will be going towards these projects!



## Mother's Day Shop

Thank you for all your wonderful donations to help stock our shop!

FOPS volunteers will be in school w/c 4th March to help the children select, wrap and label their gifts!



## Online payments

To save on printing costs and volunteer time, and to make it easier for parents, we will now take payment for most of our events online, including tickets for our discos and Mother's Day Shop!

We will use our PTA Events website for this - please register and save the link for all future payments:

[www.pta-events.co.uk/fops1](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/fops1)

Thank you to everyone who bought Wonka Bars - this event raised us £247! We hope you all enjoyed the chocolate. We still have an unclaimed £10 prize - please get in contact with us asap if you have the last remaining winnings ticket!



## Smarties Challenge

This Easter we will be running a Smarties Challenge to raise funds for outdoor playtime games! Each child will be given a tube of Smarties before the Easter holidays - please help your child to fill it with change and return it to school. There will be a treat for the class that raises the most money!

## FOPS DISCOS

We now have our own lights and bubble machine, meaning we can run our own discos without the expense of a DJ!

However, we need enthusiastic, lively parents to help us lead games and activities, and to encourage the children to have fun!

If you can help with this, please get in touch via your Class Reps or email us at [fopssecretary1@gmail.com](mailto:fopssecretary1@gmail.com)



## Can you help?

We always need lots of help from parent volunteers, and there are lots of ways to get involved, eg:

- \* Planning and preparing for events
- \* Running events 'on the day'
- \* Match funding from employers

We welcome all offers of help, no matter how small. You CAN make a difference at your child's school!

If you'd like to know more, please get in touch with your Class Rep, or email us at [fopssecretary1@gmail.com](mailto:fopssecretary1@gmail.com)

## Parent to Parent Sale

We will be hosting a 'parent to parent' sale on Sunday 21st April. If you are having a spring clear out, why not book a stall and sell your unwanted toys, clothes, baby items etc to other parents locally? Further details will be released in the coming weeks. This event will be open to the general public, so this is the perfect opportunity to make some cash out of your unwanted items.