



Parent Bulletin Week Commencing 25th November 2019- **Week B**

Departments across the school rely on the parent's organisation Friends of Farmor's School (FOFS) to raise money for a variety of essential items. Last year FOFS raised over £5,000 to cover the cost of text books and the lease for one minibus. There are a few easy ways you can help that don't take much time or money:

- Sign up on parentpay for FOFS Lottery, £12 per year to win cash prizes
- Donate prizes for the Christmas raffle
- If you shop online then use easy fundraising / Amazon smile / the giving machine - they donate to FOFS, it doesn't cost you anything
- Support your child selling raffle tickets (tickets coming home on 2nd Dec)
- Support events organised by parents -the Christmas Quiz is on Weds 11th December (teams of up to 6) tickets available through parentpay.

Notices:

- **Year 7:** Now that your child has had a term to settle in, we are interested in your thoughts on the transition process. Please use this link <https://www.qdpsurvey.co.uk/OnlineQuestionnaire?code=35874-29399-23481592> to complete a short survey to help us maintain excellent standards for our new students. All Year 7 students will be completing their own survey in school in the next two weeks. The deadline for responses is Sunday 1st December
- **Year 9:** Bronze DofE update- eDofE accounts have now been created for all participants meaning anything they have been doing so far can be back dated to 18/09/2019. We have had a huge number (90) of pupils sign up this year which is fantastic! As a result, we will need to alternate the groups for lunchtime session week by week- they will start next week and your child needs to be an eye out on notices for their first session where they will receive their log in details.
- **Year 10:** World Challenge expedition to Costa Rica 2021: There will be an information meeting on Wednesday 4th December in the LRC. This will start at 1600 for students and parents are invited for information and a Q&A from 1730. If you have any questions please see Mr. Robins krobins@farmors.gloucs.sch.uk
- **Year 11:** We have limited spaces left on the English **Poetry Live trip** which will be running on **Thursday the 23rd of January 2020**. After the January mocks, this is a fantastic day trip to enhance their knowledge of all the poems they have been studying for their Lit GCSE Exam and an opportunity to meet some of the poets themselves! The price is **£27** and needs to be paid via ParentPay **no later than the 29th of November please.** We will return to school at **4:30 pm** that day and so alternative transport home will need to be arranged for your son/daughter. Please contact Finance directly if there are any issues regarding payment.

Letters to parents this week <http://www.farmors.gloucs.sch.uk/Letters-to-parents>

- Who are FoFs
- Christmas Quiz Night poster.

Coming up next week:

- **Years 7 & 8:** Off timetable for one lesson for a STEM workshop on Friday 29th November

For events beyond next week and spring term clubs and activities poster please follow links to our website.

<http://www.farmors.gloucs.sch.uk/Clubs-and-activities>

<http://www.farmors.gloucs.sch.uk/Calendar-term-dates-and-school-day>

Kind regards,

Pastoral Team

