



# FOKAS

## FRIENDS OF KRISHNA AVANTI SCHOOL (PTA)



**Newsletter**  
**Spring 2013**

Welcome back to a fun and action packed term. This is the 1st Newsletter from FOKAS, which will become a regular communication method to all parents and carers for Krishna Avanti Primary School. With a lot of commitment and dedication from the team, we are hoping to have many events that will be fun and memorable for all.

### Chairman's Note:

Dear Parents/Carers,

Back in November 2012, we elected a new committee to represent the PTA for KAPS. I would firstly like to thank the old committee in what they have done for the school and the time and effort they put into organising events.

We have now formed a new committee that is full of commitment and dedication and have the ambition and drive to achieve new goals within the next two years. As a team we are trying to establish a number of things and get some foundations into place that will help us, but more importantly the children and the school. Having discussed with Mrs Edwards the school's vision, FOKAS will help her achieve some of her goals and through fundraising events we will be able to provide the children with equipment and resources that they need.

FOKAS have some great events planned throughout the year and we do really hope that you can all come and join us and make every event special and great for the kids!! One thing about a PTA is the support of the parents, if we have that then we, as a team, can achieve whatever we want...so please support and come forward if you have any ideas or issues that you would like to discuss with us.

Regards

Chetan Shah

### FOKAS Committee

Chair: Chetan Shah

Co-Vice chair: Binay Shah, Roshni Ladva

Treasurer: Manish Patel

Secretary: Harsha Siyani

Members: Raj Thaker, Daksha Ruda, Bhav Kanbi, Radha Rupa, Kavita Rama, Manjula Vekaria

### Work in Progress

FOKAS are currently trying to get a number of things in place, that will help us and any future FOKAS team.

- Creation of a FOKAS bank account – so we are in control of our finances and are able to make our own decisions in collaboration with Mrs Edwards.
- PTA Constitution – as a PTA we need to have a constitution in place. This will benefit FOKAS with gaining any external help that we may require.
- We are about to complete the process for FOKAS to gain a registered charity status. This is in line with the charity commission guidelines and it will benefit us with donations and gift aid from the government and various companies.

### 2013 Events

We are planning on having the following events:

- ✦ Dinner & Dance
- ✦ Parents Sport Competition
- ✦ Sponsored Event
- ✦ Annual Summer Fete
- ✦ Navratri Garba
- ✦ Diwali Event
- ✦ Xmas Grotto Fair
- ✦ Mehfil & Antakshri Night
- ✦ Jumble/ Car Boot sale

\* Confirmation of exact dates will follow

### CHRISTMAS

We had a lovely end to the year watching our children's Christmas Productions.

With a lot of planning and dedication by all the Staff and children it was a great success.

Christmas is a time for giving and FOKAS decided to surprise the children with a visit from Santa, and a bag full of presents for each child. The excitement and the sparkle in the eyes of the children were priceless!

On a cold, winter's day its always nice to warm up with a hot drink and a treat. The refreshment stand proved to be a success and liked by the parents and staff.

**FOKAS Dinner & Dance – 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2013**

**Save the date – details to follow shortly**



### Students Council

FOKAS has met with the Student Council and there are a number of things that they have raised that would benefit them with their learning whilst at school.

\* School Mini Bus \* Mini Enterprise (Stationary Shop) \* Library Books \* Writing schemes \* Bikes (for playground)

In order to achieve this we require the support of parents and businesses so that we are able to raise funds and purchase equipment and resources for the school and students. As a partnership, we can do a lot for the school and give them the best where possible.

### Get in Touch

We welcome Suggestions & Ideas from all parents.

If you have any queries or concerns then please get in touch with us. [info.fokas@gmail.com](mailto:info.fokas@gmail.com) As a PTA we are there to represent the parents/carers of our children at Krishna Avanti Primary School.