



JFA News – February 2018

Dear John Fisher Parents and Carers,

We are all aware of the ever increasing squeeze on school budgets. Without the fundraising efforts of the JFA, the school would struggle to maintain its resources and activities. The JFA needs your support and involvement!

We want our children to attend the best school possible. Pooling our help and skills with the JFA is a great way to really benefit our school.

There are many ways to help –

- via your online shopping or other purchases*
- via company sponsorship*
- by donating specific items when requested
- helping at events or joining the organising Committee
- occasionally aiding the JFA with your trade or business skills (free or at cost)
- loaning or donating equipment or resources
- coming forward with an idea for ways to raise funds

As well these year round activities we have some specific news & events for this month -

Shipping container clearance – Saturday 24th February 10am

Can you help on this day? We need to catalogue and tidy and need at least 20 people. Contact JFAParents@gmail.com if you can. Refreshments provided!

The London Marathon Sponsorship

We are thrilled to announce that in **April 2018**, a John Fisher teacher, Mr Maneto, will be running the London Marathon to help raise funds for the JFA. Can you support him - we have a promise of matchfunding for the money raised. Please see more at <https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/amantle-maneto-SAVMLMBONDS3332018-834024>

Requested - Second-hand uniform and sports equipment

Can you donate any unwanted but good, clean, saleable quality school uniform and/or sports equipment? Please deliver to the school office **this month**.

Event Volunteers – please come forward

The biggest event of the JFA year is traditionally held on the first Bank Holiday in May. This year the date is fixed for Sunday 6th May. As always it takes many volunteers to deliver the event – but this year even more so! This year we plan to hold a Funday with a Rugby Showcase and it will be on the Plough Lane Playing fields. There are many varied roles to undertake both on the day and before and after. The planning is underway! Please contact JFAParents@gmail.com **ASAP** to add your name to our helper list! We can't do it without you!

Committee News

We are very grateful that some parents have recently come forward to create a JFA Committee to discuss activities, plan and organise events and co-ordinate our volunteers. **Without the Committee the JFA wouldn't exist.** We are always recruiting! We meet formally a minimum of once per term. See the JFA section of the school website for a copy of the JFA Constitution and the last Committee minutes.

Thanks for reading – please take action now so you don't forget!