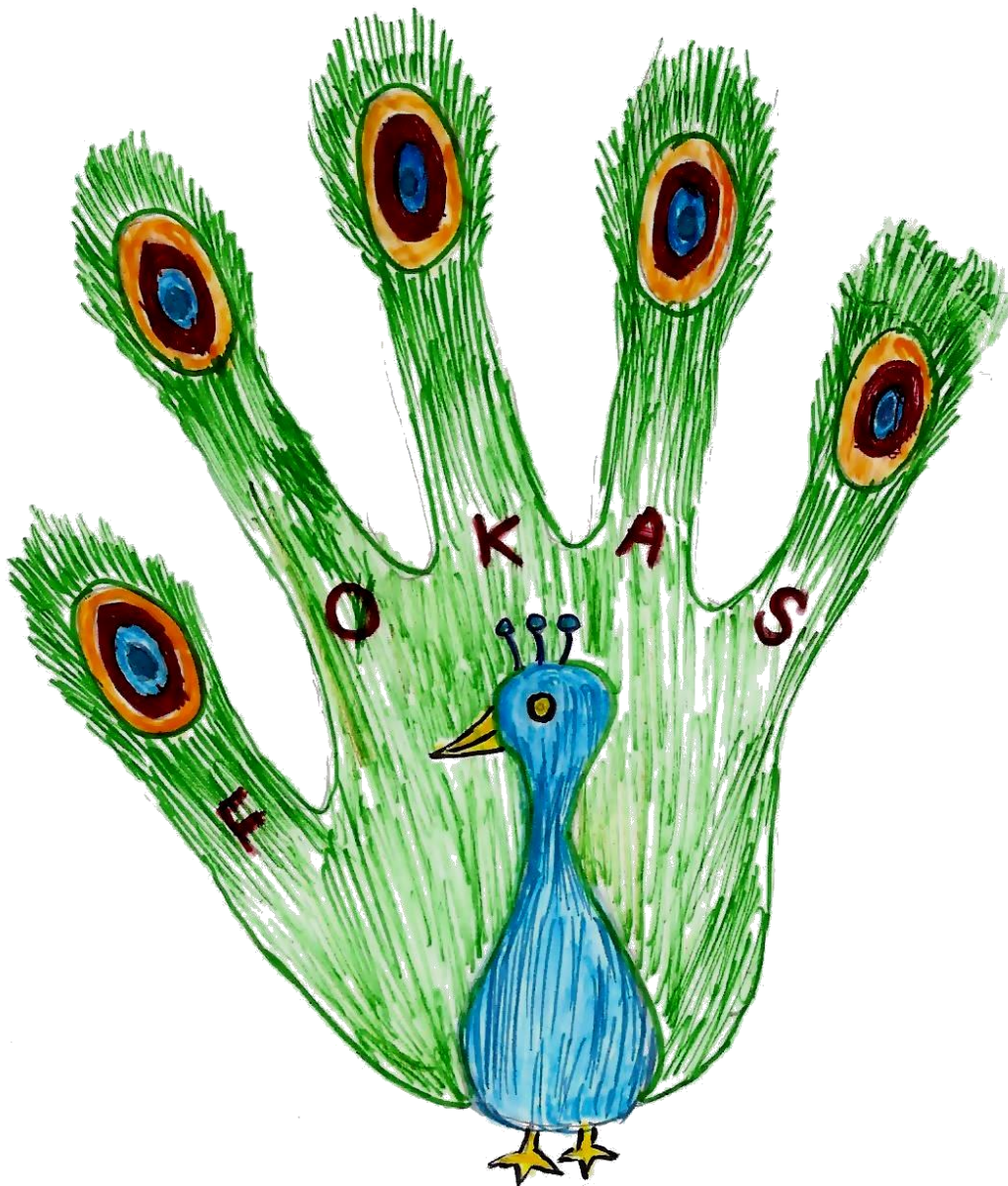


**FRIENDS OF
KRISHNA AVANTI PRIMARY SCHOOL
(FOKAS)
NEWSLETTER**

DECEMBER 2020



WHO IS FOKAS?

FOKAS is the PTA (Parent-Teacher Association) for Krishna Avanti Primary School.

We organise social events, fundraise money for the school and we provide a link between parents/carers, staff, children and the local community.

We aim to encourage active involvement of all parents/carers, staff and governors. We take every opportunity to ensure a positive profile in and out of the school environment.

Our events and activities create an opportunity for parents to provide additional resources for the School. Members of the PTA support parents/carers by providing refreshments and themed decorations at many school events, including concerts and sports days. We fundraise in a responsible and ethical manner and support the ethos of the school and the Hindu Vaishnava tradition.

We work very closely with the school's Student Council to ensure that the funds go towards the things that the school and children truly need.

We hope this will encourage sustainable growth of FOKAS and be beneficial to those who matter most - Our children.

FOKAS Vision

- Making every child's potential a reality

FOKAS Mission

- A powerful voice for all children
- A relevant resource for all families and communities
- Bringing the parents, staff and community all together

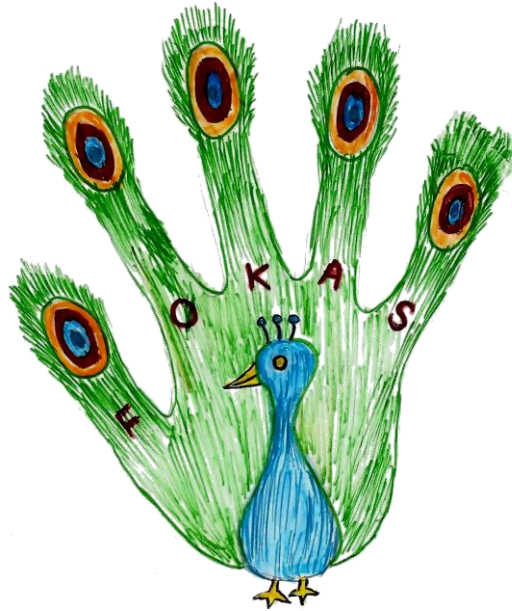
FOKAS Values

- Collaboration – FOKAS will work in partnership with a wide array of individuals to accomplish our agreed goals
- Commitment – FOKAS is dedicated to promoting the children's health, well-being through strong parent/carer, family, and community involvement
- Accountability – FOKAS acknowledge their obligations and will deliver on promises made
- Respect – FOKAS will value everyone involved. However, FOKAS expects the same high quality effort from others
- Integrity – FOKAS will act consistently within our beliefs; we will acknowledge our mistakes and seek to make amends

FOKAS Aims and Objectives

- To be efficient and effective
- To develop social contact with parents/carers and the community
- To ensure demands made on members, parents/carers and staff are reasonable
- To raise as much money as possible for KAPS
- To consistently explore methods of raising much-needed funds for the school
- To work as a team
- To support and promote the values/ethos of Krishna Avanti Primary School
- To ensure everyone's contribution is valued

But most of all.....
FOKAS is working in partnership with
Krishna Avanti Primary School
to make a difference to your child.



FOKAS 2020 – 2021 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE



Kajal Shah

Chair



Sejal Shah

Vice Chair



Harshal Shah

Treasurer



Jesal Vaja

Secretary

Any parents/carers wishing to contribute ideas/suggestions for future fundraising FOKAS events, please email us at **FOKAS4U@OUTLOOK.COM** or talk to a member of the executive committee.

Projects recently funded by FOKAS

Nature Trail

The School council and pupils all voted for FOKAS to sponsor the creation of a nature trail. The works carried out by Envirolawn included the following.

- Remove spoil for path way
- Turnover soil and create flower beds
- Supply and install 70m2 teram (underneath the mot and sand base)
- Supply and install appropriate amount of MOT for the sub base
- Supply and install grit sand for the sub base
- Compact level and screed
- Concrete haunch or timber frame (fixing for the grass)
- Supply and install 70m2 ENVIROLAWN Artificial Grass
- Supply and install 2 x bird hides
- Supply flagged base for hide to stand
- Supply topsoil for new beds





PROJECTS FOKAS ARE CURRENTLY FUNDRAISING FOR

All FOKAS fundraising this year will be used to support the following projects to enhance the children's learning. The below projects are for raised flower beds and vegetable patches outside the classrooms and will help the pupils to learn how to grow and look after their own vegetables. We will keep you updated on the progress.

YEAR 2 GARDEN

- Install tanalised timber frame inside concrete edging
- Supply and install appropriate amount of aggregate
- Compact and screed to form a free draining base
- Supply and install weed control fabric
- Supply and install 64m² of Envirolawn Grass

YEAR 1 GARDEN

- Install tanalised timber frame inside concrete edging
- Supply and install appropriate amount of aggregate
- Compact and screed to form a free draining base
- Supply and install weed control fabric
- Supply and install 64m² of Envirolawn Grass

RECEPTION / NURSERY GARDEN

- Install tanalised timber frame inside concrete edging
- Supply and install appropriate amount of aggregate
- Compact and screed to form a free draining base
- Supply and install weed control fabric
- Supply and install 64m² of Envirolawn Grass

FUTURE FOKAS EVENTS

2020/2021

Due to the uncertainty of COVID-19 FOKAS will not be holding any official events during this academic year.

We will still be fundraising by using different means throughout the year and will communicate these by email. We would appreciate your support with this and would be grateful if the money can be given to your child's class teacher.

We will continue to monitor Government advice and if anything changes, we will be sure to let you know via the usual channels.

We really appreciate all the support that parents have shown and we look forward to continue working with you in the future.



FOKAS whole heartedly thanks all its volunteers. We cannot stress how important it is for you to volunteer your time and skills, without this, events and projects cannot take place.

All our events would also not be possible without the help of each and every member of staff the Krishna Avanti Primary School.

Our special thanks to Mrs. Bindu Rai for all her assistance and support and for working together with us to make these events happen. FOKAS would like to thank Ms Gregona Samuel, Ms Neha Kumar and Mr Robert Tomaszewski– without them – no event would be possible. A big thank you to Shree and the entire kitchen staff, Govinda's and volunteers for their extremely hard work to ensure that events runs smoothly, safely and successfully.



If you are interested in signing up to become a FOKAS volunteer or if you would like to apply to become a class representative, please fill in the below form and hand into the school office in a sealed envelope addressed to FOKAS or contact a member of the Executive Committee.

Be a part of something special! Have a voice, be the voice!

Application for FOKAS Volunteering Position

Name: _____

Position Applying for: _____

Contact Number: _____

Email address: _____

Childs Name and Year Group: _____

Can you be available for meetings in the evenings? (At least once a month) _____