



7th September 2023

Dear Parents

We were delighted that so many families were able to join us on Tuesday for our PA coffee morning to celebrate the return to School. It was lovely to see so many new, and familiar, faces on our beautiful front lawn in the sunshine which was the perfect setting to launch our new school charity partner - Little Green Sock.

If you were able to join us you will have heard from Catherine D'Albertanson the Founder of Little Green Sock. Catherine provided an overview of the charity and the ways Forest will be able to help.

Catherine commented: "We are very proud to have been nominated as the Charity Partner for Forest Preparatory School.

We are excited to work with the school children, the teachers and the Parents association to further the vital work that we are doing in the local community to support families, and also to help the children learn about sustainability and our concept of "reuse for social benefit" aligns perfectly."

Please find some more info below on the what the charity does. Over the next weeks and months we will work with the Little Green Sock team on how we can best collaborate - through donations for clothing, equipment, time, skills and money - to support them.

Whilst writing, please make a note of dates for our upcoming PA events:

Dates for your diaries

13th Oct - Halloween Party at Dunham
24th Nov – Movie Night at School
28th Nov - Parent Wreath Making evening
30th Nov - advent calendar drop (just FYI)
1st Dec - Christmas Fair
7th Dec – Nativity
14th Dec - Christmas Jumper day

Please also make a note of our key event, the May Ball, which will take place on 11th May at Bowdon Rugby Club.

Many thanks,

Siobhán & Katie.

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### About *Little Green Sock*

We're on a mission, to help reduce the financial burden of clothing for families in need, by reusing and gifting clothing and children's items donated by our local community, whilst creating a positive change in behaviour towards a more circular economy

### Who are we?

We are a dedicated bunch of local people who strongly believe that all children should have the basics they need to thrive.

Children outgrow their clothes so quickly, and there is more than enough clothes to go around! We harness the support of the local community to collect items no longer required. We sort them to ensure they are good quality, and gift them on to those who need them the most, from one family to another.

We work with referral partners who are professionals already supporting families in financial crisis, such as health visitors, foodbanks, domestic violence refuge, who refer families to us for support during a difficult time for them.

Most people want to help support local children, and we provide that link.

### Why are we needed?

A third of children in Greater Manchester are living in poverty, over 11,000 of these children live in Trafford. With the huge increase in the cost of living, this is only going to get worse.

We feel passionately that families shouldn't have to choose between heating their home, eating food, or clothing their children, and at Little Green Sock Project we can help directly with one of these basic needs.

We also strongly believe in protecting our environment, to protect our children's future. With the very nature of this project, we are promoting sustainability and creating positive culture shift towards reuse and recycling perfectly good clothes and children's items.

For more details, please visit the charity's webpage <https://littlegreensock.org/>