



## Newsletter, April 2025

### Membership of Friends of Discovery Academy School (FDAS)

As ever we want to remind you that every parent, carer, guardian is automatically a member of FDAS and welcome to attend any of our approximately monthly meetings. Even if you have not been before or can get along only very occasionally, you are very welcome. We normally have around a dozen or so people attending. We try to make the meetings a bit sociable as well with tea, coffee and cakes. Our next meeting is on 30<sup>th</sup> April at 12.30pm.



### Update on the Fundraising

#### **The Duck Race**

Once again, a great big thank you to everyone who bought a duck for the virtual duck race. Including sponsorship from the GRI Group, we raised **£2,663.24**. We are very grateful to the GRI group for their sponsorship. The class duck of U4 went the furthest in the race, so thanks to Asda they received a small Easter egg each and every child in the school got a packet of Haribo, also donated by Asda.

We aim to hold the virtual duck race once a year before the Easter break, so be ready to race some more ducks next year!

#### **The Colour Run**

FDAS will have refreshments at the Colour Run for sale and a new Guess the Name game. This time we're guessing the name of an Autism Support Dog. We hope to see you there!

### Our Next Big Fundraiser- The Jumble Sale!

The Jumble Sale will be on **Saturday May 10<sup>th</sup> 2025, 12pm – 3pm** at the school. We will be sending out more information later, but it promises to be a great day out with Bumper Cars, Hook a Duck and a Target Game for the children as well as a visit from an ice cream van.



For the grown-ups we promise many tables laden with clothes, toys, bric-a-brac, books and more – as well as a somewhere to sit and enjoy some coffee, tea and cakes. Bring grandmas and grandads, aunties, uncles, friends, neighbours and have a great afternoon out.

### **How Can You help?**

Three ways to help us make this event as successful as possible are:

1. Collect jumble yourselves to donate; ask your family and friends and if you are particularly energetic, you could even leaflet your street and collect Jumble for us. If you need leaflets please email us on [friendsDAS@icloud.com](mailto:friendsDAS@icloud.com) and also email us at that address if you have jumble and would like it to be collected.
2. Help us organise during the last week and/ or on the day – let us know if you can help at [friendsDAS@icloud.com](mailto:friendsDAS@icloud.com).
3. Above all, turn up on May 10<sup>th</sup> and have a good time. It is as important to FDAS that we hold social events for our children and families to have some fun, as it is to raise money.

### **What we are Fundraising for at the Moment**

Right now, we are trying to raise money to enable school to have two garden areas outside- an area where the children can grow their own food and a sensory garden area. We are also raising money for the children to have trips outdoors to the Derbyshire Countryside and other places.

### **Keep the Date!**

We are going to hold a car boot and indoor table top sale at the school on **Saturday July 12<sup>th</sup> July 2025** – save the date for now and details will be sent out following the jumble sale.

### **And Finally...**

FDAS were very sad to say goodbye to Amy Woodcock who has been a brilliant support and organiser for us. However, Mrs Windle assures us that the school will still continue to support FDAS as Amy did. We would like to thank Mrs Windle, Mr Shirazi, Miss Higgins and all the school staff for their support of FDAS.