

2nd November 2018

<u>Friends of Bordon Schools</u> <u>AGM Chairs Report</u>

It has been another busy year for FoBS. We have run many events during the year; Fun Day, Christmas Fayre, panto trip, discos, a cake sale, a very wet Easter egg hunt! Father's Day Shop, Mother's Day Shop, a barn dance and the summer BBQ. Also of course the weekly book and tuck shop. All of the events are still very well attended but numbers have dwindled slightly at some of the bigger events which is reflected in the profit and loss figures. Having said that, a fantastic amount has still been raised which will be discussed in the Treasurers Report.

FoBS have enabled the schools to purchase many things including reading books, golden time toys, plants, table tennis tables, MP3 players and coaches for trips and performing arts events. FoBS have also donated treat items at Easter, paid for each Junior child to have a Christmas dinner, provided Christmas crackers and the Year 6 leavers books. FoBS also continue to pay for a Birdworld annual pass allowing school families to enjoy a free local day out and also provide every child in both schools with a reading book on their birthday.

One of the biggest expenses this year was to pay £7,000 towards outside music and climbing/play equipment in the Infant School playground. Equipment that is used and enjoyed by all year groups in the Infant School and children from both schools during Buzz Club, the after school wrap around care club.

When Jon Reilly, who had been a fantastic support to the Committee over many years and had been our "go to man", resigned from the Junior School and therefore FoBS part way through the year it was a big loss and change for the Committee but they continued running events to the same high standard and are thanked for all their efforts. Thanks must also be given to the staff from the schools for their continued support, especially when we need them to come in early or stay late so we can run our events.

Special mentions must also go Anna Barber for being Chair for the last year and to Danny Robinson who despite her youngest child leaving the school a year ago carried on in the role of Treasurer to enable FoBS to continue running.

Looking ahead some of the regular Committee Members will be leaving at the end of this year as their youngest child leaves the Junior School. Recruitment of new members needs to be a top priority to help those members who will be left especially if the current level of events is to be kept up.

All Members should feel proud of what they have achieved this year, not only in raising funds for things that the schools may not be able to afford otherwise but for encouraging social events and providing opportunities to those that might otherwise miss out. Thank you everyone.



Upcoming Events

6 November 2018

9am Year 1&R Parents - RWI session 1pm M&M Productions In 8 November 2018 Year 2 Winchester Military Museum 2.45pm Year R Food tasting 9 November 2018 Special Remembrance Day **Remembrance lunch** 14 November 2018 4-6pm Parents Evening 15 November 2018 4-7pm Parents Evening 16 November 2018 Non-uniform Day for Children In Need 19-22 November 2018 1.30-3pm Year 2 Tank making 20 November 2018 9am Year 2 Parents to watch Writing 2.45pm Year 1 Assembly 22 November 2018 Year 1 Milestones Trip 27 November 2018 2.45pm Year 2 Assembly 30 November 2018 1.45pm Year 2 Christingle Service at St Marks church 5-7.30pm FoBS Christmas Fayre

FoBS needs Support without your help it will fold at the end of this year

We really, really need parents to get involved in helping to organise and run events. If you enjoy the Fun Day in September or the Christmas Fayre or the Easter egg hunt or your children love the disco or going to the book stall or having ice pops in the summer, all of this is run by FoBS.

If your children love the music hut on the playground or the rainbow hut on the field. If they like getting a book on their birthday or the Golden Time toys to play with on a Friday afternoon or the free Birdworld tickets, this all comes from FoBS money. FoBS raised over £11,000 last year and more than that the year before. Every penny of that money goes to the schools.

Most of the current committee and regular helpers have to leave at the end of this year. If you can spare a bit of time and help get involved in FoBS please come into the school office and let us know and we will pass your details on to the current committee. It is no lie to say that without new people getting involved these activities will not be running next year.

FoBS meetings are the first Thursday after every holiday. They start at 6:00pm and are held in the Log Cabin. Even if you cannot attend the meetings on a Thursday there is a lot you can do to help. Regular helper at the Disco or people to help get raffle prizes or ensure there are enough books to sell at the bookshop are all really important jobs.

The money FoBS raises makes a huge difference, please do help us and get involved.

Christmas Fayre Friday 30th November 5-7.30pm

Can you help run an activity or stall at this year's Christmas Fayre? If you can please let us know in the school office.

The Fayre will be held in the Infant School this year and there is a lot of wonderful things going on. There will be different stalls to browse as well as a children's only room where they can choose and wrap a gift in secret for you. There will be the opportunity to see our special guest Santa who will be with us for the entire Fayre. There will be food and craft activities for the children to do as well.

The more helpers we get the more we can put on to make the Christmas Fayre really special. If you are free during the day to help set up or can give some time in the evening to run an event it would be gratefully appreciated.

