



FRIENDS OF PARK ROAD

Chair's Report 2019/20

AGM 6 July 2020

Summary

During our first year as elected co-chairs of Friends of Park Road, we and the wider team have worked hard to deliver a number of events and fundraising activities to ensure ongoing engagement across our school community, as well as extra income towards key school equipment for the benefit of our children. It has been very rewarding and we are proud to play our part in all we achieve together.

Brand & Communications

We felt it was important for FOPR to have its own identity/branding and invested in a new logo for use with letters, lanyards, banners, signage etc. (thank you Vic & Simon Murray).

Communication with volunteer teams and parents/carers is organised across a mix of social, email and print (thank you Sarah De Caux for the posters), including follow-ups with photos, totals and thank yous, to be as inclusive and transparent as possible.

Events

We have delivered over 16 events/activities (and kept good records of spend/profit/lessons learnt to help inform strategy ongoing), including-

- Reception packs with teabags, biscuits, tissues, info flyer to welcome new parents to the FOPR family
- My School Lottery – currently 57 tickets (43 supporters) raising over £900 this academic year
- Bag2School collection (thank you Jo Blain for arranging)
- Halloween and Valentine cake sales
- 2 discos
- Quiz sponsored by Eurocamp (special thank you to Nic Wood)
- Christmas Fair
- Pre-loved uniform sale
- 4 FOPR meetings
- 2 foodbank collections

(NB. Mrs W is mid-application as a personal licence holder, so we can hold up to 15 events per year on site)

Fundraising

See Treasurer's Report for final figure registered with Charity Commission.

This has funded KS1 reading books, Y6 leaver's activity and outdoor learning provision.

Matched funding donations (special mention to Caz Watts), have made a big difference to totals.

Thank you to treasurers Hannah Roper and Claire Beall for arranging floats, counting cash, banking and numbers, plus our improved facilities with FOPR debit cards (no more large personal expenses!), a coin counter and card reader.

COVID-19

Due to the pandemic, our last event was 20 March. Plans such as the Spring Ball, Colour Run, Ice Pop Fridays, 80th Birthday Party Summer BBQ, Christmas cards/Elfridges will hopefully be rolled over into 2020/21 and we await advice from Mrs W on when we can safely resume activities.

Roles

Rachael Blears and Paula Castle happy to continue for another term as Co-Chairs.

Philippa Simpson as Secretary.

Claire Beall as Co-Treasurer looking after accounts. Hannah Roper to step down as Co-Treasurer looking after floats and deposits – thank you very much for 4 years on the committee.

Vacancies for Deputy Treasurer, Vice Chair and other positions as deemed required.



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Thank you

All of the above requires a huge amount of commitment and support to be achieved.

A very special thank you to the core group of people who have been there every time, as well as other teachers, staff, parents/carers, family members and children for their ongoing backing.

A final special mention to the office ladies, Mr Cox and Mrs Street for all the times we needed access to the stock room/cellar and kitchen! We look forward to resuming when we can.

Thank you!