

FOFS ,, NEWSLETTER

{ SUMMER TERM 2021 }



Welcome to our final FOFS newsletter for this school year. This is a very special edition as we will be saying to Goodbye at the end of this term to our incredible FOFS Chair, Helen Wren.

So many of the wonderful experiences all of our children get to experience at school are enhanced by money that FOFS raises and Helen has worked tirelessly to ensure that events and fundraising have been so successful.

We held our AGM and FOFS meeting outside at school, during which we presented Helen with an array of beautiful gifts to thank her for her dedication to FOFS for the past 11 years, with the role of Chair for the last 5 years. Helen received a beautiful fish artwork from a local gallery, an afternoon tea voucher, a personalised cake tin (complete with a delicious carrot cake, thank you Jenny Hinton!) and some gorgeous flowers. You can read her wonderful thank you letter here.

Thank you Helen for everything, you will be very missed.

Introducing our new Chair, Charlotte Hillary

We are thrilled to be able to introduce you to our new Chairperson, Charlotte Hillary, who was voted in with full support at our most recent AGM. Charlotte has 2 children at Fishbourne, in Years R and 3. Thank you so much Charlotte for taking on this role! We all look forward to supporting you as FOFS moves forward into the new school year.



Helen Wren (left) with Charlotte Hillary (right)

Thank you



Dear Fishbourne School,

Firstly I can't thank the school community enough, I was totally blown away with all my incredible gifts I was presented at my final FOFS meeting, I was totally speechless, which doesn't often happen to me!

Being Chair of FOFS has been a privilege, I have loved meeting such a lovely, kind, bunch of people who have all been incredible to work with.

FOFS is in a strong place going forward, and I am certain for greater successes in the future. Charlotte Hillary, your new Chairperson will be amazing. She is very approachable, efficient and hard working. Charlotte also has a great team of people working with her.

The ongoing success of FOFS can only be achieved by people coming forward to volunteer ideas, running of events and supporting the Chair and committee at meetings. It is a great way to meet other families at Fishbourne School. Hopefully if lockdown eases, FOFS can run some of the regular fun events again. New ideas, new people and new energy will all help drive FOFS forward.

I strongly believe bringing people together creates such a lovely school community and FOFS can really help make this happen.

Thank you Fishbourne School ... it will always have a special place in my heart.

Helen Wren

@ PLEASE EMAIL US!

FOFS has its own email address: FOFS@fishbourneprimary.co.uk

If you have any FOFS related queries, ideas for fundraisers or can offer any help, please use the email above. We'd love to hear from you!

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Abridged Meeting Minutes from our FOFS AGM:

Date: Thursday 17th June 2021 19.30

Attendees: Helen Wren (Chair), Naomi Day (Headteacher), Charlotte Hillary, Dan Bye, Aleks Ellis, Jo Bate, Vanessa Marchant-Williams, Hannah MacDonald, Laura Ferrier, Abi Farr, Steph Walford, Katherine Parrett

Minute-taker: Jenny Hinton

Apologies: Layla Brewster, Caroline Fillery, Mark Grandy, Jane Davey

1. Chairperson report

The last year has been really tricky, covid has really affected our fundraising efforts. On the plus side, we have had some amazing fundraisers and people finding new ways to raise money for our school. The Go Fund Me page has now been used three times, all by different Mums, and we are now raising so much money through this medium. I have noticed sharing our fundraising through the community facebook site 'Fishbourne Vibes' has been really productive, and lovely seeing the community supporting our school. Hopefully next year we will have a bit more freedom, and be able to bring back all our regular fun fundraisers.

2. Treasurer Report

Due to covid, our usual fundraisers have been limited this year.

Fund-raising activities

- Bend the Rules (£483)
- Bags4school (£175)
- Gofundme - Rafferty (£1200)
- Gofundme - Football fundraiser (£420)
- Gofundme - Cricket fundraiser (£750)
- Amazon smile (£36.57)
- Xmas cards (£287)
- Xmas Film night (£542)
- Xmas raffle (£691)
- Xmas shopping (£80)
- Club 100 (£558)
- Easter Bunny (£192)
- Easter Wreaths (£119)
- Ice-cream sales (£494.85)

Purchases

- Class Books - supported by Fandango digital
- Lockdown canvases
- Hot chocolate and bookmarks

Other expenses

- PTA Association (£111)
- Lottery license (£20)
- Account fees (£63)

Other Income

- £500 parish council grant
- £50 through donations for school uniform

3. Election of Trustees

Chairperson: Helen Wren - standing down. Charlotte Hillary offered to take on the Chairperson role.

Secretary: Role un-filled previously, Jenny Hinton offered to take on this role

Treasurer: Dan Bye has decided to stand down as treasurer. We would like to say a huge thank you to Dan for all of his hard work during his time as treasurer. Thank you Dan!

All voted unanimously to re-elect existing members and support those who have come forward for the forthcoming year.

Current members moving forward:

Chair: Charlotte Hillary

Treasurer: *Vacant position* - Please apply at: FOFS@fishbourneprimary.co.uk

School trustee representative: Naomi Day

Trustees: Hannah Macdonald, Steph Walford, Vanessa Marchant-Williams

Secretary: Jenny Hinton

4. Upcoming news and events - please read!!

- **Virtual balloon race** finishes this Saturday, winners will be contacted in due course.
- The next **Bags2school** will be running in November so start putting aside unwanted but good-quality clothing suitable for re-use.
- **Fund-raising target** Mrs Day will be discussing with the children after the holidays any ideas they have for things FOFS can fund to improve school life, so encourage your children to start thinking of ideas.
- Don't forget to sign up to **Amazon smile/easy fund-raising** if you haven't done so already.
- The date of our **next meeting is Thursday 16th Sept, 7.30pm.** All welcome and encouraged to attend!
- **Finally, wishing you all a very happy holiday and we want to say thank you for your amazing support over this year!**



YOUR CLASS REPS ARE...

R – Mark Grandy and Laura Ferrier
1 – Caroline Fillery
2 – Hannah Macdonald and Jo Bate

3 – Aleks Ellis and Abi Farr
4 – Steph Walford

5 – Vanessa Williams and Ali Gregory
6 – Layla Brewster and Lizzie Peale