



Chair's Report – Cirsty Marsh, AGM – 28th September 2023

On behalf of the Friends of St Peters, I would like to thank everyone who has helped and supported all the fundraising activities during 2022-23. This year has been a one of consistency and repeating behaviour that has proved successful. We have been mindful of our group's size and have approached fundraising in a way to ensure that we are not over stretched.

Over the course of the last school year, Friends have donated to the following causes:

- Donated £400 the Young Voices visit to Birmingham
- Donated £1905 for the purchase of Ipads
- Donated £400 to Coronation gifts for pupils (6 votes full amount to 1 (for lesser amount))
- Donated £295 to EYFS/KS1 School Trip (7 votes full amount)
- Donated £46 to stats revision books (7 votes full amount)
- Donated £200 to Y5/6 School Trip (7 votes full amount)
- Donated £300 to improve Y1 Indoor Continuous Provision (6 votes full amount to 1 (for lesser amount))
- Donated £75 to Year 6 Leaver Gift (7 votes full amount; 1 lesser amount)
- Donated £100 to KS1 School Trip (8 Votes full amount)
- Donated Hot Chocolate and Biscuits to Books at Bedtime

The events hosted are as follows:

Christmas Cards: All pupils had the opportunity to have their own design added to various items which were offered for sale leading up to Christmas. Many thanks to Emily in organising this. A new supplier caused many issues which we would seek to avoid in the future.

Christmas Jumper Sale: Held directly after school. FOSP sold both adult and child Christmas jumpers and outfits that had been previously donated by parents. Many thanks to Ceri for bringing this all together.

Christmas Disco: As an alternative to a Christmas fayre, we hosted two back to back discos (Reception/KS1 and KS2). The children had great fun. The event was easier to manage with a DJ providing majority entertainment while volunteers manned supervision and tuck shop.

Christmas Raffle: Donations were kindly received from parents and local businesses. Many thanks to Abi for arranging ticket sales and distribution and some for some particularly beautiful hampers from Chloe.

Supporting Books and Bedtime: FOSP donated and served hot chocolate and biscuits for the 80 + children in attendance.

Supporting Sports Day: Strawberries and Cream, snacks and soft drinks were sold during Sport's Day – As with last year, despite increasing purchases, we sold out. The profit margin, however, needs to be considered for future years. The strawberries are expensive to purchase, coupled with the cups and spoons. Whilst not overcharging parents, we do need to consider selling prices.

Friday Night Treats: A pocket money friendly sale of treats and drinks were sold after school on every Friday in the second half of the Summer Term. These events proved very popular.

Summer Fayre. The fayre was held straight after school on Friday 30th June. It was a little cooler this year, which may have reduced attendance.

The event saw the committee, parents and teacher pull together to host the highlight of our year. Stalls include the 'ever popular' cake stand, bbq, samosa stand, teddy tombola, water and wine, incredible inflatables, fabulous face painting and much more.

We thank the choir for a wonderful display of their talents.

We also welcomed external companies for a small fee. This was mainly to provide variety for attending families. The afterschool timing did make it more difficult for private businesses to attend.

Again, we were well supported by **local businesses** with the donation of many raffle prizes.

Card payments were more popular this year.

Big PTA Raffle: x 2 distribution through Facebook

Clothing Bin: This has been a regular success. Many thanks to Ceri for the organisation of the bin and regularly ensuring collections are made

Second Hand Uniform Sales: A stable regular event organised by Ceri for the benefit of parents as well as raising funds. Nicki has made steps forward to providing and inventory and will explore shop options going forward.

Summary:

Friends provided updates and reminders for all parents / carers over the course of the year mainly via the Facebook page and utilising the support of the school via Newsletters and text reminders. Friends would like to thank Jemma and Clare in the office for supporting our many requests.

This year has been a challenge that we have faced with care and thought. We have a limited number of members who in turn have limited spare time. The events hosted have reflected this. They have, however, been approached with heartfelt energy and enthusiasm. The enjoyment of the children and financial successes have reflected this.

I would like to make a personal statement at this time:

In the lead up to the AGM, I have been thinking about all that needs to be discussed, my own experiences, and the thoughts of FOSP members.

When I joined FOSP, I heard a struggling group in need of support and fresh energy. I stepped in, having never even been to a meeting or experiencing anything the group had previously achieved or how. Maybe this was a little foolhardy.

As a group we were up against a benchmark of what had gone before us despite so very much change. The change in parent attitudes/priorities both post Covid and in economic crisis and the change in school leadership being the most significant factors.

I have tried my very best to approach our efforts with my best energy, enthusiasm and time to help achieve as much as I could. With the wonderful support of such a small group, I feel we have collectively achieved a great deal.

I have a sense of feeling that we do not achieve enough and often I feel myself that way too. It should not detract from the thousands of pounds we have raised and the joy we have brought to the children through our heartfelt efforts and best intentions.

It is, however, clear to me that there is much to do. The relationship with both the members and the school needs repair and development beyond what I am able to give or achieve.

It is, therefore, with genuine apology I must let you know that I will not be standing for re-election at the AGM. I whole heartedly appreciate the efforts of all the members. I remain proud of the journey we have travelled and all that we have achieved along the way. There are so many ideas and visions within the group that we have not yet managed to follow forward. I sincerely hope that those who have the desire and time to help will step forward to develop the group and relationships in the way you all and the children deserve.

Current Committee members:

Cirsty Marsh (Chair)	Humaira Akram (Treasurer)	Abi Baskerville (Secretary)
Nicki Puddy (Vice Chair)	Ceri Roper	Elise Gourd
Emily Barker Sarah	Jessica Hallier	Rhiannon Jones
Kerry	Sam Cook	

The following members will be stepping down: Cirsty Marsh, Emily Barker, Elise Gourd