

Headteacher's Report to FOSS AGM – February 2017

It's with a mixture of feelings that I'm writing this report...this year has been a really good year for FOSS, with donations of money exceeding £7,000 plus an agreement to fund a new trim trail for the children to use during playtimes etc. However, with the committee stepping down I must confess to feeling sad as during the past few years I've got to know the committee well and will miss their friendship.

The Summer Fete was a lovely day, who could forget the fly past by the WWII plane? This event is always a highlight of the school calendar and brings together the whole school and village community. Having worked here for so long it's a lovely chance for me to catch up with older pupils and their families whilst enjoying the sunshine...

We all the Christmas Bazaar; the pupils love the chance to spend their money and choose gifts for all the members of their families. This year there was the added bonus that Father Christmas visited the classrooms to see the children! I know that all the staff and parents really appreciate the hard work that goes into the creative aspect of the Christmas Bazaar; this event is very much part of our school calendar of events and reflects the ethos of the school we're all trying to work towards.

In between these two key events we've yet again had a series of fundraising activities including: Cake Breaks, Bags2School, Bingo Nights, Raffles and Children's Discos – all of which have been well supported and enjoyed by the parents and children alike. This year it's been noticeable that your range of fundraising events have had a wider reach with new families coming along to join in the fun.

Over the year FOSS has raised money to:

- subsidise school trips - £700+ in the past 12 months
- Props for the KS2 Production in 2016
- contribute towards the interactive whiteboards in the classrooms - £2200
- invest in new stage lighting in the hall - £2,000
- maintain the playground equipment – annually repairs cost approx. £2700
- purchase a new trim trail which will be installed this term - £7,000

Organisations like FOSS are vital links for a school and its community – you are able to reach out beyond the school gate. During this past successful year you have shown time and time again that when a team of people take one creative idea and add to that a lot of hard work, anything is possible. As a school we are very lucky to have such a hard working committee and I hope that new parents will consider supporting FOSS in whatever way they can and will see that in addition to the hard work that accompanies each event there is also a great deal of fun and make new friends.

'Thank you' are two small words but behind these two small words is a great understanding and appreciation of all your efforts this year; so on behalf of all the pupils, governors, teaching and support staff - Thank you!

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