

## Friends of School AGM Year 2021 - 22

### Chairman's Report 14<sup>th</sup> July 2022

**Cropwell Bishop Friends of School is a constituted committee made up of parents with a teacher representative, working together with the staff to raise funds for the school environment and provide a programme of entertainment events for the community of the school.**

**AGM Committee are:**

**Suzanne Clayfield – Chair (resigned 15 March 2022)**

**Sarah Trevers – Secretary**

**Claire-Lise Ciana – Treasurer**

**Suzu Bulmer – Teacher Representative**

We started the school year with great enthusiasm and a hope for a full school year with live fundraising events. The Autumn term was really busy and we did a School Disco which was very successful, the children really enjoyed being able to be together again and had lots of fun. We also did the ever popular Christmas Cards which were a great success!

As we approached the end of the Autumn term the Omicron variant was swiftly rising and we finished the Xmas term wondering whether we would be able to continue with live activities into the spring term or whether we would enter another round of restrictions.

Fortunately, after Christmas restrictions were not in place and we were able to continue with live events. We held a second school disco on 25 March, we also had a cake sale....and ice cream sale took place. We also organised a special Jubilee Edition Tea Towel with hand drawn pictures of all the kids printed on it.

We were also lucky enough to be chosen again by The Coop for their community fund, specifically raising money for a wildlife garden.

On the 15 March 2022 Suzi Clayfield sadly resigned her role as Chair. We really enjoyed working with Suzi on the committee, she always had a smile and great enthusiasm, however we understood and respected her decision. This meant that Sarah Trevers and Claire Ciana took over jointly the chair role for the remainder of the year.

The Velo Belvoir Cycling Sportive took place on 8 May 2022. This was raising money for FOS and Dove Cottage. The sun shone for them on the day and the event was a real success and a lot of positive feedback from riders was received. We want to thank the organising committee (Andy Trevers, Michelle Oldfield, Pete Shore, Phil McFerran and Susanna Stephenson) for all the time they put into planning the event and also running it on the day. We also want to thank them for selecting FOS as one of the charities. It is understood that this will become an annual event and FOS hope to have more involvement/or provide help where possible.

An 80s theme Quiz night took place on 7 May. This was organised by Lucy and Aimi and was a great success. There were some fabulous costumes and everyone's brains were challenged trying to answer the questions! The winning team won a fabulous hamper and after the quiz there was enough time for us to enjoy a good 80s disco!

Just one week after this event, we heard the extremely sad news that Aimi McCaffrey had tragically died. It was a huge shock to everyone, we were all deeply saddened and our thoughts were, and still remain with her family. Aimi was a great supporter of FOS, she and Lucy took on the role of organising the quiz. They did this with no help from the FOS committee, they got on with it, you knew that they would organise a great event and that it would be lots of fun for everyone whilst raising lots of funds for FOS. I also think that Lucy and Aimi both had great fun together organising the event. Not only did Aimi organise the quiz but she was also always happy to help at the discos, along with her daughter Amelia, the summer fair (along with Nick as chief announcer) and was also always there with great advice. We have lost a really wonderful person and she will be sadly missed.

The Summer Fair took place on the 18 June, this was an 'afternoon tea' style event with a focus on cake! The fair encompassed many elements:

- Afternoon Tea
- Rugby
- School Choir
- Sophie Dance academy
- Raffle
- Tombola- chocolate/bottle
- Fair Games – hook the duck/splat the rat etc
- Craft
- Face Painting
- Bar
- Bouncy Castle
- Metal man
- Early years play areas
- Competitions – lego and cake
- Guess the weight of the cake/how many sweets in the jar
- Children's artwork
- Gardening club

Whilst we had hoped for sunshine and for people to buy an 'Afternoon Tea' box to take outside and sit on a rug to enjoy with Pimm's...sadly it rained and rained! However, despite this we managed to still have a great event. The rugby carried on, the bouncy castles were dried and covered with gazebos, the bar was moved into a gazebo, the fair games under the KS2 canopy, craft in the KS2 area, tombola in the IT suite. There was a lovely atmosphere to the event, lots of people did come to support and lots of fun was had.

There were lots of people who helped and supported us with the event. Too many to list all here individually...however, from the parents who put up gazebos in the pouring rain, the parents and teachers who helped set up. the people who stood on the tombola stand for 3 hours, to the teachers helping with the bar, the gardening club standing in the rain, the teachers supervising the bouncy castle all day. To the people who helped in other ways, wrapping bottles, making bunting. There are a couple who however, do need special mention:

Zoe Boon – Zoe made over 150 scones in addition to two cakes

Alicia – IN addition to making a lot of cake, she took on the mantle of organising the sale of the cakes/afternoon tea/purchasing extra cream/jam etc as well as helping with much of the organisation

Charlotte Reavley – for face painting constantly for 3 hours whilst sat on a tiny chair!

Rosny Allan – for face painting or doing craft for 3 hours!

Mr Lee – for allowing children to throw cold water at him for 3 hours

Equally important though are the people who actually came to support the event. There were lots and lots of people who came despite the rain and it was this that created the really lovely atmosphere and made the event a success.

The final event for 2021/22 was a school disco on Friday 8 July. This was a very hot day, it was also the day of the afternoon performance of the KS2 production and numbers were lower than they had been for other discos. However, the really key thing for this disco was that the tatoos and lucky dip returned for the first time since 2019! The kids also had fun!

Thank you to everyone who has helped during 2021/22, thank you to Mrs Bulmer for her support as teacher representative and also to Mrs Cook. We would also like to take the opportunity to thank Suzi for her time as chair and for all the enthusiasm and energy she brought to the role.

It has been a year with a number of challenges but also some really lovely events and some real positives. We feel that we can be confident to build on this year, to engage with KS1 parents and start fresh with the new Year R class confident that 2022/23 will be a 'normal' year and thus we can plan ahead with confidence.

We look forward to 2022/23!

Thank you once again

Sarah Trevers and Claire Ciana