

Friends of School AGM Year 2022 - 23

Chairman's Report 18th July 2023

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:

Ingrid Nelson – Chairperson

Alicia Mosley – Vice Chairperson

Sarah Trevers – Secretary

Claire-Lise Ciana – Treasurer

Suzy Bulmer – Teacher Representative

We started the year with a new Chairperson & Vice Chairperson and with covid now behind us, ready to organise some great fund raising events for the academic year.

The Autumn term was really busy and we did a School Disco which was very successful, we also held a coffee morning, uniform sale and cake sale. We also did the ever popular Christmas Cards through a new provider this year which were a great success.

In October, we supported the Stilton Stumble with both volunteers and selling bacon cobs, hot drinks and cake for which we received some excellent feedback and it looks like we will be asked back again in 2023!

In December we tried something new; our FOS Festive Fun event. Our school choir sang carols and we sold hot chocolate, mulled wine, cake and Christmas crafts. Santa also came along on his sleigh to meet the children!

Spring Term was also very busy; In January, we held a very successful FOS Film Night which was very well attended. Another one of our famous bake sales was also held.

During March we held our first Fashion Show which was attended by over 50 people. Guests were able to buy bargain clothes, raffle tickets and enjoy drinks and snacks during the evening.

Our tea towels this year were Coronation themed and were as popular as ever.

We were also lucky enough to be chosen again by The Coop for their community fund raising valuable additional funds.

The Velo Belvoir Cycling Sportive took place on 25th June. This was raising money for FOS and Dove Cottage. We would like to thank the Velo committee for selecting FOS as one of their charities for the second year.

The Summer Fair took place on the 17 June which was a huge success this year.

- Cake Stall
- Ice Cream Stall
- Rugby
- School Choir
- Sophie Dance academy
- Raffle
- Tombola- chocolate/bottle
- Fair Games – hook the duck/splat the rat/lucky dip etc
- Craft
- Face Painting
- Bar
- Bouncy Castle
- Metal man
- Competitions – lego and cake
- Guess the weight of the cake/name of the giant teddy
- Children's artwork
- Gardening club
- Science stall

We were very lucky with the weather which was mostly dry which made sure we could hold many of our activities outside this year.

A huge thank you to everyone who volunteered or supported the event in some way (too many to list everyone!)– it couldn't happen without you! There was a great atmosphere on the day and we've had some lovely feedback. Special thanks to Sarah Trevers and Claire Ciana who ran the Summer Fair Committee and organised everything to perfection!

A big thank you to all the local businesses that donated raffle prizes of which there were too many to list!

A very special thank you though to John Deere who not only brought along one of their tractors on the day, also donated 3 ride-on toys to the school for the younger children to enjoy.

The final event for 2022/23 was our school disco on Friday 14 July. This was again very well attended and a great success. Our disco team headed up by Michelle now have this down to a fine art!

Thank you to everyone who has helped during 2022/23, thank you to Mrs Bulmer for her support as teacher representative.

We will now be sadly saying goodbye to Zoe Boon who will leave the committee this year as Willow moves onto secondary school. Thank Zoe for the hundreds/thousands of cakes you

have baked over the years and for all your support with our committee meetings and events. We will miss you.

It has been a really fun and successful year for us. It has been wonderful to have such great attendance to our committee meetings and so many willing volunteers to support our events. The funds we have raised have enabled the school to purchase many resources for our children to enjoy.

We look forward to 2023/24!

Thank you once again

Ingrid Nelson, Alicia Mosley, Sarah Trevers and Claire Ciana