

Friends of School AGM Year 2023 - 24

Chairman's Report 16th July 2024

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 settled committee and an organised schedule of events for the academic year.

The Autumn term was really busy and we did a uniform sale, School Disco which was very successful as usual. 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 a mountain of bacon cobs, hot drinks and cake for which we received some excellent feedback again. The event was much bigger this time and continues to be a great source of fund raising for us.

In November, we launched a Nativity Costume and Christmas Jumper exchange which despite a quiet start, we will continue to promote. Also, we re-advertised 'Your School Lottery'

In December we held our FOS Festive Fun event. Our school choir sang carols and we sold hot chocolate, homemade cake and Christmas crafts. Santa also came along on his sleigh to meet the children! We also held our popular Grinch Film Night where we served hot dogs and bags of Christmas sweets.

Spring Term was also very busy; In January, we held another successful Disco which was very well attended. Another one of our famous bake sales was also held which included Gardening Club selling their Mothers Day spring bulb pots.

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 in May. 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 again this year.

Our tea towels continue to be popular with numerous orders from parents.

Our Olympic themed Summer Fair took place on the 15 June which was a huge success again this year. We started with a torch procession followed by an opening ceremony from Sophie's Dance academy who all gave superb performances and rounded the event off with a closing ceremony too. Other activities at the fair included:

- Cake Stall
- Ice Cream Stall
- Pancakes
- Rugby team – Olympic Event Sports
- Raffle
- Tombola- chocolate/bottle
- Fair Games – hook the duck/splat the rat/lucky dip etc
- Craft
- Face Painting
- Bar
- Bouncy Castle
- Competitions – lego and cake
- Name the Olympic Bear
- Gardening club/plant 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, Alicia Mosley 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!

The final disco for 2023/24 was held in July. This was again very well attended and a great success. Our disco team headed up by Michelle now have a very success formula for this event.

Thank you to everyone who has helped during 2023/24, thank you to Mrs Bulmer for her support as teacher representative.

Special mention and thanks to Amy for the fabulous graphic design and event posters throughout the year.

Having been Chair for the last 2 years (and cake baker for 12 years), with my daughter now moving onto secondary school, it is with sadness that I now pass on the baton and say goodbye to Cropwell Bishop School and FOS. The school is so very lucky to have such a thriving charity with a group of parents who dedicate so much time out of their busy lives to raise valuable funds.

I wish you all every success for 2024/25 and beyond!

Ingrid Nelson, outgoing Chairman