



Friends of Brailes School (FOBS) Annual General Meeting
Thursday 14 th July 8.00pm online meeting

1. Present - H Childs, R Locke, T Griffin, J Griffin, L Dudfield, S Hosell, K Riley, A Murray, L Merrick, C Worthy, C Wright, H Bridgewater, V Salmon, L Whitehouse
2. Apologies K Haycock, I Corbett, G Locke, K Spooner
3. Co-Chair Report read out and will be shared with parents (See below)
4. Treasurers Report read out, key figure highlighted and will be shared with parents. (See below)
5. Election of Officers
- 6.AOB

The following members were elected to the named roles on the committee, and all received a majority vote in favour.

Co-Chairs - Therese Griffin & Katy Riley	Proposed – Rachel Locke,	Seconded Alice Murray
Secretary – Selina Hosell	Proposed Katie Haycock,	Seconded Rachel Locke
Treasurer – James Griffin	Proposed Therese Griffin,	Seconded Cassie Worthy

Katie Haycock has expressed her wish to be co - opted onto the committee at the next committee meeting.

AOB

- Class Reps – How to move forward and to confirm who would like to be class/year reps will be discussed and confirmed by new committee.
- Lots of positive comments received from those in attendance about the events we had managed to put on and the hard work of all involved acknowledged.
- Mrs Childs thanked the FOBS committee and all who have helped over the past year. Staff, governors and children really appreciate all that FOBS do in support of school, not just with raising money but helping to bring the school and the community together which has been particularly hard over the last two years. Many thanks to everyone who attended tonight and the best of wishes and good luck to the newly formed committee.

Meeting Closed

Co- Chairs Report July 2022 - Rachel Locke & Therese Griffin

Welcome to the Co-Chairs report for the Friends of Brailes School AGM. Following our last AGM the new committee had hoped to hit the ground running with our fundraising events but unfortunately COVID and restrictions were still having an effect locally and in turn on FOBS events. Planning ahead for events after almost two years 'off' has been tricky, particularly as some lasting restrictions were still in place and even longer in schools. As a committee we felt it important to be fully supportive of any measures school was taking and mindful we had many new families in the school who haven't really 'seen' what FOBS can potentially do in year.

Our first day back 'Coffee & Croissants' to welcome parents back into the school run, couldn't happen. We had to make a difficult decision not to run the bonfire and fireworks event which is one of our biggest fundraisers of the year but also perhaps the riskiest as it is very weather dependant on how many people turn up! This was a very sad and difficult decision to make, not just for FOBS but also the village. As it turned out turns out members who would have taken on key roles in running

the event were 'pinged' on the day so at least we avoided cancelling on the day when lots of money had already been spent and hard work had already taken place!

Our new clothing bank arrived on site in October which was well received by many who had been sorting out their unwanted clothes, shoes and textiles during lockdown and had been storing it while we waited for the bin to arrive. This gets emptied regularly and money gets sent directly to FOBS. Therese set up 'The School Lottery' which launched in October 2021 which is great way to support the school on a weekly basis. FOBS receives 40% from every £1 (with the rest going to the prize pot) and we are currently projecting over £1,000 for the first full 12 months of this initiative if we maintain current ticket numbers. In addition, thanks to some very generous entrants who have also donated their winnings, FOBS has raised a further £165.

Many thanks must go to Lois for her work in finding great stalls for the Christmas Market and all the planning she put in this. Unfortunately, a bit of a 'Covid' outbreak within school and locally meant we had to cancel this as well. To go ahead would not have been supportive of all school was doing in trying to maintain social distancing and bubbles.

Moving to things that did happen! We collected many recipes, sweet and savoury for the FOBS Family Cookbook, with many being sold to be used as Christmas presents for friends and family. This was really well supported by families and we must thank school for allowing this to happen instead of the Christmas card project. Silver Smarties also was back, where families returned smartie tubes filled with change with some families taking full advantage of children performing extra 'jobs' to raise their money. Thank you to a grandparent of children in the school who donated the smarties to school meaning all funds raised was profit.

The School Run was a first (Thank you Kerry for the idea) with people signing up and pledging how far they would run, walk or cycle during the month of February with the aim of running a marathon by the end of the month. This generated some extra income for FOBS and those who participate received a lovely medal designed by Kerry for their hard efforts.

The Garage Sale was a great success raising £330 for FOBS and feedback showed it is one we should consider running again. People also enjoyed the bacon rolls and teas on offer from school as a welcome break and snack on their journey around Upper and Lower Brailes.

We've run the Easter Raffle for several years now and this year had our biggest return of all, a record breaking £1221.10. Therese did a great job sourcing prizes, but our biggest thanks is for everyone who sold to family and friends – we couldn't raise this amount of money without your support! The raffle was drawn on the school playground on a rather chilly but bright morning in the playground with hands warmed by takeaway tea and coffee!

The start of the Summer Term, saw our biggest event of the year for FOBS and the village with the return of Brailes 3 Hills Walk. FOBS as one of the main beneficiaries traditionally organise the tea, coffee and cake in the village hall. Once we got our heads around new rules regarding food labelling and allergies of the 56 cakes we were good to go! Many new people helped us serve in the kitchen serve and the overwhelming feedback was that it was good to be doing a much-loved normal village event again!

In May, Mrs Childs had the whole school preparing and planning some fantastic performances and singing to celebrate the Queens Jubilee. It was lovely that the whole school come together and parents and families were invited to join them with FOBS serving cream teas to all those there to watch and celebrate. Although just minutes before this event, we had thought we might have to cancel this too as they grey clouds had rolled in, and the heavens opened. But thankfully the rain stopped and the glorious sun shone down, and everyone had a great afternoon. Thanks, must also go to a parent of children in the school who kindly donated all the tea and scones for this event

meaning all funds raised was pure profit.

We've just held two second hand uniform sales and hope these will become a regular feature of the school calendar as well as a coffee afternoon for parents to just come and have a chat and cuppa together.

Although it's taken us a while to get our heads around, FOBS are now using PTA Events which is an online ticket sales platform. So far it has been successfully used for 'The School Run', 'Garage Sale' and advance booking of the 'Jubilee Cream Teas'. After one or two minor hiccups all is now running smoothly, with positive feedback from event organisers and families who have so far used. It has many more facilities we hope to use in the future. Combined with the 'Sum Up' card readers it has helped reduce trips to the bank and made money handling easier all round!

Although many of our planned events were cancelled, we still have been able to maintain our support for the school through classroom allowances of £10 per child per year for teachers to use as they see fit to enhance the curriculum as well as trip allowances of £12 per year per child which often is used to pay for coaches. Since September we subsidised the whole school trip to Rapunzel; we've funded 2 fruit trees for the school garden; a Jubilee 'Friendship bench' is on order. Headphones and other IT resources have been bought to support the teaching of music lessons. We have paid for storage rails, Christingle resources, Year 6 leavers atlas's, mini medics for students in September and have also paid £3500 towards the Phonics and accelerated readers' programme. We also have paid £2000 towards a class set of brass instruments and £500 towards new maps of the world and UK for classrooms and outdoor maps as all children across the school benefit from this.

More detail for this is included in our report from our Treasurer.

FOBS has also continued to benefit from those of you who continue to use Easy fundraising, Amazon Smile, Warwickshire Christmas trees and of course our on-site clothes bin! These methods are free but can make such a difference to our fundraising. So thank you!!

Fundraising efforts going forwards for next year will be to continue to raise money towards the new reading and phonic schemes and some very sturdy and strong gazebos. The possibility of an 'Outdoor performance stage/space' is also being looked at.

Finally, we would like to thank the committee and for all members of FOBS for their enthusiasm this year while many Covid restrictions remained. Thanks also to all the year group reps for reaching out and communicating with all families. It is really encouraging to see that all the events we have run this year have been well supported by new faces and families to the school, the playground chat and grapevine seems to be working! Thanks also to Mrs Childs for allowing FOBS to run as many events as possible whilst maintaining the safety of her staff and students. Finally, a huge thanks to all the staff who continue to inspire our children and for their amazing work all year. We are looking forward to seeing the new events and ideas of the committee.

Rachel Locke and Therese Griffin
Outgoing Co-Chairs 2021-22



Friends of Brailes School can confirm that in 2022 we have so far raised (as at 14th July) £4,735.80

How we did it...

Event	Net Income / (Expense)
Cookbook (late order)	£10.00
School run	£90.87
Mother's Day gifts	£17.27
Easter raffle	£1,174.12
Your School Lottery	£570.80
Easyfundraising.org & Amazon Smile	£33.89
3 Hills Walk donation	£2,100.00
Other donations (Your School Lottery winners, Warwickshire Christmas Tree,)	£352.73
Garage trail	£339.00
2 nd hand school uniform sales	£31.00
Platinum jubilee tea & scones	£197.22
PTA membership & insurance	(£72.00)
Small Society Lottery license fee	(£40.00)
Bulk cup order for future events	(£69.10)
Total	£4,735.80

What we funded...

Event / Income / Cost stream	Income / (Expense)
Year 6 atlases	(£61.38)
Christingle (Christmas 2021)	(£50.16)
Platinum jubilee: fruit trees & friendship bench	(£504.97)
Class allowance 2021/22	(£1,030.00)
Trip allowances	(£758.00)
Cotswold mini-medics	(£200.00)
Map posters	(£500.00)
Accelerated reader / RWI phonics	(£3,046.88)
Total paid to Brailes school	(£6,151.39)

The boring (but very important) bit...

Bank accounts (current & savings a/cs)	
2022 opening balance	£7,267.04
2022 closing balance (as at 14th July 2022)	£5,851.45
2021 net income / (expenditure)	(£1,415.59)

Cash income reconciled as:	
2022 events & fundraising	£4,735.80
Funding given to Brailes School	(£6,151.39)
Total	(£1,415.59)

So with £5,851.45 currently in the bank, what costs do we need to plan for?

Cost	Event	Comment
£1,130	2022/23 class allowances	113 pupils @ £10 per year
£1,356	2022/23 trip allowances	113 pupils @ £4 per term x 3 terms
£30	Coffee & Croissants	Welcome first day of term
£2,500	Bonfire night (2022)	Purchase of fireworks in August to earn discount
£4,986		

This is a worse-case view (where we are unable to generate any further income before the start of the 2022/23 academic year) which shows that FOBS funds are available to cover these costs with £865.45 surplus.

These events and costs are subject to change.

All your contributions help to raise much needed funding without which the school could not purchase so many additional items that help to enrich the education and the experiences for all of our children. Hopefully this year will see running many more events for us to return to pre-pandemic levels of fundraising for Brailes School. On behalf of FOBS, THANK YOU!!