

Chairman's Report 2017/18

Introduction

In this report I will not be reporting any financial figures. As I feel they are covered in the Treasurers Report. I am completing my second year as Chair and am grateful for the help and assistance I have received during the year. Thank you's will be made at the end of this report.

Summary

This year has been a year of consolidation for FoS as the new committee finds its feet on its own. I am aware that I haven't been as active at times as I could have been due to health reasons but. I remain totally committed to FoS. We have grown as a committee and look forward to making 2018/19 an even better year for FoS. Phase III of the Outdoor Space was completed over the Easter holidays and we continue to look for ways to make Osborne more enjoyable for the students.

Fund Raising Events

Christmas Fayre

The event continues to grow in popularity. Santas Grotto, proved to be more popular than ever and we included a quiet session for children if they needed it. Special thank you to Colin Brooks for stepping into the role of Santa, which he has agreed to do again this year. A great time was had and plenty of things for people to buy from the varied Craft stalls in attendance. The café did a roaring trade selling festive goodies. The day went very well despite many unforeseen problems. Looking forward to seeing this event continue to grow in the future

Christmas Cards

We tried a different format this year. This resulted in more work for Janet but less pupils sending in designs. Despite this we made around the same amount of money.

Christmas Raffle

Always one of our most successful events. A first prize of £100 along with a Luxury Hamper and Wine as prizes always helps to increase sales.

Northbrook Fundraising

Thank you to Helen Young for organising this as ever. An excellent job and always a welcome addition to FoS funds.

Summer Fayre

Once again the Summer Fayre was a joyous day. With many people coming through the gates. The BBQ and Cedar Tree bar proved as popular as ever. The dog show and farm attended again and proved to be as popular as ever. We didn't have a bouncy castle due to an unforeseen issue with the suppliers transport but, he did manage to arrange an alternative attraction in trampolines. Not an ideal attraction for some of our students but better than nothing at all.

Bags2School & Empties Please

Our two collections of clothing bags and collecting used ink cartridges continue to be a valuable addition to FoS funds. A massive thank you to all parents, carers and staff who donate to these collections

Sports Day Café

Once again FoS members donned pinnies for the day and had a great time serving tea coffee and cakes for the Sports Day. Janet worked extremely hard assisted by FoS members

Quiz Nights

Once again Joseph and his family produced a fantastic Quiz Night for us. Massive thank you to them for their continued support.

Support Events

Student Christmas Shopping

Our fifth event this year was a massive success. The children had good fun spending their pounds and wrapping presents for their family members including pets. Massive thank you to Alison Parker for her fantastic eye for picking up some great stocking filler items for this.

Christmas Presents

Fos, as usual, donated money for teachers to purchase Christmas presents for all the pupils. We may have to reassess that this year due to the number of pupils and the cost to FoS. We can discuss this at the next meeting

Disco

We now have two regular discos' at school. One at Easter and the other just before October Half Term. They are proving to be very popular with pupils and staff (some of them can REALLY dance!!!)

Children In Need Ramble

A new event for us organised by Stewart Lang. Myself and Janet donned our pinnies again and served tea coffee and bacon sandwiches for the brave walkers. We made no charge for the food and drink but put a pot on the counter. All money raised was split 50/50 between FoS and Children in Need. Stewart is planning to do this again this year maybe doing TWO walks for different abilities

Coffee Mornings

This year also saw the return of FoS coffee mornings. We have taken them out on the road and currently have held a couple at Fleming Park in Eastleigh. They have been well received and thank you to Sarah-Jane for organising them. We are looking at setting up a Northern hub somewhere soon in the next year. More details to follow when we have them.

THANK YOU

A few special thank you's to be made from myself –

First of all, the FoS Committee. You are all amazing. Mentions in particular to Kate Yeatman for being a great Deputy and for being on the end of the phone when I needed support. To Sarah-Jane Eades for organising the Volunteers and restarting the Coffee Mornings. To Dom for technical support. Special mention to Janet Durham for keeping things together while I was out of action between Easter and May Half Term. We are a great team and it is a pleasure to work with you all

All parents and staff for their support. Without your help FoS would never achieve anything. Whether it be making cakes, helping at events or one of the many other things you do for us.

Special thank you to Jane, Emma and Kelly on Reception who have had to put up with my constant phone calls and many appearances at the front desk asking for help.

Richard and his support staff for always being there to assist with any need we may send their way.

Sonia for her unstoppable support for Fos. And to Yvonne and Lucy for their help too.

And a massive thank you to Alison Parker. Her support of FoS over the last few years has been amazing. Her shopping skills at the Pupil Shopping Event will be sorely missed now Ella has moved on to pastures new. We hope to still see Alison at FoS events in the future. Good luck and thank you very much for all your support

Conclusion

I have enjoyed my second year and look forward to next with a sense of enthusiasm and excitement. My life at Osborne changed in November 2017 when I started working in Osborne College as an LSA. This means I am in school all the time and continue to build relationships with staff. I hope to be able to continue as Chair for another year. With your help I would like to make FoS a bigger and better force within the school. Here's to 2018/19. Let's do this!!!!