

AGM Thursday 8th October 2015

Chair's Report

The Friends of Salhouse School (FOSS), is a registered charity (1026473), which is run by a committee elected each year at the Annual General Meeting. The objective of FOSS is to support the school by providing additional facilities/materials for pupils that are not normally provided by the Local Education Authority through fundraising and social events, and further relationships between the pupils, teachers and parents and the wider community.

Over the past year FOSS has continued to flourish with more people getting involved in the planning and running of events! In total, this year FOSS has raised over £4500 for the school!

Following the past two years of hard fundraising, FOSS have now been able to fund two all-weather outdoor table tennis tables, a seven piece trim trail, which was finally installed in June and have pledged £2000 towards a hillside slide that school are keen on installing. FOSS has also agreed to pay for a whole school puppet show to visit school, which we hope will happen sometime in the near future. We have also agreed to give each class £100 to spend on materials for their own class. Thank you also to Emily Watson, Rachel Carney and Liam Weston, the editors of last year's school newspaper, who kindly donated £15.64 from the sales of their newspaper to pay towards the table tennis tables! The new equipment is being enjoyed and is well used by the children! We have also paid for choir T shirts, Christmas crackers as well as other things mentioned below.

As well as profit we have made from organising these events and activities, we have also received generous donations of 1000 from an anonymous donor, £100 from Snellings, £100 from the Lyon family and £. We also received a £250 donation from Aviva, following the Easter fair - thanks to Katie Aldis for organising this!

The 100 Club was relaunched in September last year and has continued to prove popular with parents, with half the money being used as the prize fund and the other half going into FOSS funds.

A school's Christmas card project was once again organised by Anna Hood, with a different company selected as it offered a wider choice of products, which parents liked. Thank you Anna, for organising this.

A successful Pamper and shopping evening in November and a subsequent pamper evening in May, were enjoyed by all. Many thanks to Claire Carney for organising these enjoyable evenings! We also held two fun family bingo nights - thanks to Louise Milne and Mike Harding for organising these and also to Katie Aldis for organising a fun 'Quiz and Chips' night in June and also to the quiz master, Anna Jakob.

The Christmas fair and Easter fairs were a great success but due to a lack of volunteers we were not able to plan as many stalls and activities as we had wanted. Thank you to Charley for face painting and to Angela Feeley and to Nicky Ryan for being First Aiders at events!

The Summer BBQ was well supported and was the high light of the year, raising over £1250. There was live music, food, a beer tent, stalls, an inflatable slide and 'Beat the Goalie'.

We also trialled selling '100 Squares' tickets which were popular and held a silent auction for a Norwich City Football Club pennant. Thank you to Peter Grint and family for generously donating the delicious meat for the BBQ and to Lance Middleton for the use of his smoothie bike and BBQ. We had plenty of offers of help, which was great, but unfortunately we didn't know this ahead of time. Had we known, we could have run a few more stalls! Thanks to all the helpers, including many spouses that were roped in!

We held a book donation event at parent's evenings in March with 46 books being donated by parents. FOSS also donated 53 books to help to restock the library. Scholastic Book Club orders raised £91 in free books for school, which school still have not spent!

We also had a 'bags to school' collection, a second-hand toy and book sale, three non-school uniform days and sold Spree Books to raise funds.

Cake sales were held by each class to raise money for their own use. This was topped up by £50 from FOSS per class. 'Ice Cream Fridays' were once again popular, raising approximately £160 over the summer half term. FOSS also paid for all the children to have an ice lolly after their sport's day!

We held two discos- thank you to Tracey Oxer and Steve Fultcher for being DJs and giving up their time. A photo booth was organised for the leavers disco and was available for pupils in the Heron's class to use and proved very popular! The photos were available for the parents to purchase at 40p each. FOSS also paid for the leavers T shirts and gave each leaver a mounted photograph of their class as a memento of their time at Salhouse School. Thank you to Tracey Oxer and her son for their time in taking the photos, and for purchasing the props and to Claire Carney for making the fabulous balloon frame!

FOSS meetings have become better attended this year, with meetings both in the day and evenings to accommodate as many people as possible. We also held a couple of social evenings and event preparation mornings –thank you to Rachel Bloomfield for organising the fun social evenings!

Thank you to Louise Milne, Pat Bond, Katie Aldis, Vicki Welin, Emma Jenkins, Claire Kinsley, Rachel Bloomfield, Emma Fairbank, Angela Feeley, and Caroline Britton for all your hard work; to Mrs Dukes for allowing us the use of the school; to the caretaker, David and to Mr Ward for locking up after our events. Thank you to all the companies that sponsored us or made donations to FOSS this year. Thank you to the letter writers- Louise Milne, Vicki Welin and Pat Bond. Thank you to all the children and parents for their continued support. None of the events would have happened without all of your commitment and support!

I have enjoyed the past two years as Chair and have made new friends. I now feel it is time for someone else to step in as Chair, and bring in new ideas. Thank you especially to Claire Carney for being secretary and to Anna Hood for being treasurer over the past two years.

We should all be proud of our achievements and be pleased at what we have managed to provide for the children!

Thank you all once again.

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