



**Friends of Barrowby School**

**Chairperson Report**

**2022/2023**

**Charity No: 508516**

Dear Mr Batey, Parents/Carers, Teachers, Teaching Assistants, Admin support and Caretakers

Laura and I would like to express our appreciation yet again to all of the Committee members and helpers who have given their time and support to Friends of Barrowby School this academic year. It has been a jam-packed year including the first summer fair in a number of years and the introduction of a number of new fund-raising activities like end of term donut Fridays which the school have really engaged with.

We also want to extend that to Mr Batey, the staff and support staff and acknowledge their continued support and participation during the many events we have run this year – it really is appreciated.

The Friend of Barrowby Schools objectives are a). to help advance the education and wellbeing of the pupils of the school through a series of fundraising activities and b). to develop extended relationships between the staff of the school and parents of the pupils. Donations from the monies raised are to fund specific items or projects which benefit as many pupils as possible and that contribute to the wellbeing of the school community.

The joint efforts of this team have led to some incredible fund raising and some fantastic school events including the family games night which we will look to rerun again this year. The big parent/teacher fundraisers this year were the summer fair, sponsored event and frozen Fridays.

It has been an amazing team effort raising a fantastic ££7,975.62, with expenditure of ££1,481.58, making a profit of £6,494.04. Again a sincere thank you to all of you.

This year the main focus of fundraising by FOBS was to support the completion of the wonderful pond area in the school grounds. Now that this large fundraising project has been largely completed, a new large project or smaller projects can be considered. The committee will work with the school to agree some options.

Special thanks also go to the many parents/carers of the school for the valuable time given to attend the various events, generous donations of raffles prizes etc! Without their continued assistance this would not have been possible, and their generosity is greatly appreciated.

This Year FOBS supported the following events:

- Family games night
- World Book Day
- KS1 Christmas gifts
- Christmas crackers
- Christmas class parties
- Christmas pantomime
- Y1 & Y2 Christmas nativity performance
- Reception Christmas performance
- Summer fayre
- Spring book fair
- Y3 & Y4 Easter Performances
- School Movie Nights for all year groups
- Year 6 BBQ
- Refreshments on Sports Day
- Frozen Fridays
- End of term donut Fridays

The Treasurers Reports has a more accurate breakdown of monies raised.

This year we were delighted to finally be able to hold another Summer Fair, we had lots of exciting things organised for the school family to enjoy! There was a mixture of stalls including those organised by each year group (thank you to the teachers for your support with this), the raffle with some amazing prizes and an opportunity to throw wet sponges at Mr Batey, refreshments and much more. On behalf of FOBS we would particularly like to thank those

parents who manned the BBQ for us and the whole school family for coming and supporting the event on what was really a hot day. The funds raised from this event really do mean the world to us, especially during quite difficult times for us all.

Also special thanks a number of local businesses who generously supported the event providing raffle prizes including; Moy Park, Dougies, Tap and Tonic, Grimsthorpe Castle, Daisy Maid Farm Newark, Natureland Seal Sanctuary Skegness, Starnhill Pottery Studio, Yummi Cupcakes, Imagination Town, All Day Play, Dighbys Café Guildhall, Jade Mullin Beauty, Open Door, Wyndham Park Café, Enhance Beauty, Coop in Barrowby and Downtown.

Again, many thanks to EVERYONE that helped, supported, and attended the Summer Fair and made it such a success. This really was the highlight of the year for us and apologies if I forgotten to name anyone, there were so many generous donations.

We had an amazing income of £ 3,922.27with expenses of £ 586.30 making a massive profit of £3,335.97.

There are several of the committee members we would also like to mention; Sarah Spencer for providing us with minutes in her role as secretary and for the continued use of her chest freezer for Frozen Fridays. Sarah, Rebecca Meades and Annelise Dykes for helping with the Donut and Frozen Fridays in the blazing sun or the pouring rain! Claire Thomas for her advice and support and time reaching out to local business to secure a number of the raffle prizes.

Also to Kate Banos in her role as Treasurer, keeping the finances up to date, collecting/banking monies, providing floats and chasing/paying invoices and receipts has helped it all run smoothly. But also for continuing to progress options for us to give parents new ways to pay via a card reader which we should have in the new academic year.

It goes without saying, that without all the FOBS helpers, who generously man stalls, lend equipment, sponsor, donate and contribute, there would be no FOBS events. I hope this coming year that FOBS will continue to gain more support and build upon what we have achieved together.

We welcome any parent\carer with a keen interest in enriching our children's education at Barrowby Primary School to step forward and speak to any of the FOBS members about joining the committee. It doesn't matter how much or little time you can spare or what skills you can bring, there is never any pressure. We are completely flexible, and your support can be adjusted to fit in with your family commitments and time constraints.

Regarding communication with parents the school have supported us in using the new facebook page to talk about some of the up and coming events alongside the continued use of the newsletter.

Finally, I personally wish to thank each and every one of you who have helped and supported myself and FOBS throughout 2021/2022. I appreciate that sometimes we have been stretched with juggling work and childcare commitments, but I know everyone has contributed as much as they can and more. We look back with an overall sense of satisfaction and pride for what we have achieved. We look forward to the coming year and know we will go from strength to strength, you have all been amazing and we thank you all for everything.

Nicola Buttigieg and Laura Freestone