



**Friends of Barrowby School**

**Chairperson Report**

**2020/2021**

**Charity No: 508516**

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

Laura and I would like to express our appreciation to all the Committee members and helpers who have given their time and support to Friends of Barrowby School this academic year. We started out in September as a largely new committee but the enthusiasm and willingness to contribute has been brilliant. It is fair to say that at the end of our first year as Chair and Vice Chair, we look back with an overall sense of satisfaction and pride for what we all collectively been able to achieve.

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 and none of this could happen without the collaboration of the school.

The joint efforts of this team have led to some incredible fund raising and some fantastic school events. We have had a lot of fun even, if at times when we were still finding our feet! It has been an amazing team effort raising a fantastic £3583.55, with expenditure of £1721.24, making a profit of £1862.31. Again a sincere thank you to all of you.

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:

- World Book Day
- Christmas crackers and KS1 Christmas gifts
- Christmas class parties
- Christmas pantomime
- Y1 & Y2 Christmas nativity performance
- Reception Christmas performance
- Christmas fayre
- Spring book fair (which raised money to spend on books for the school)
- Y3 & Y4 Easter Performances
- School Movie Nights for all year groups
- Year 6 BBQ
- Refreshments on Sports Day
- Frozen Fridays
- KS2 disco

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

A particular highlight for me were the frozen Friday events whereby we had an amazing income of £688.75 with expenses of £141.60 making a healthy profit of £547.15. This created a real buzz in school and was a great way for the children to mark the end of the week. The great weather we experienced in June and July obviously helped!

Special mentions go to Sarah Spencer for providing us with minutes in her role as secretary and use of her chest freezer for Frozen Fridays. Claire Thomas and Annelise Dykes for helping us all navigate the academic year and the set piece activities which were new to many of us.

Sarah Eite and Jodie Fraser for joining me on the FOBS stall at the Christmas Fayre, braving the cold and the wind to sell raffle tickets.

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. It has made my job as the chair a pleasure and it has been fantastic to get to know you all better as the year progressed.

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. The monies raised through this year's fundraising will go to help the School complete the development of the pond and wildlife areas. We look forward to understanding what exciting projects we can be part of making a reality in the future.

We would encourage 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. FOBS really is an immensely friendly, positive, completely inclusive group of parents who are energised to raise as much money as possible to support the school while having fun in the process.

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 it really has been a team effort. Laura and I 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