



Friends of Barrowby School

Chairperson Report

2023/2024

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. We have been able to continue with a number of the successful fund-raising activities that were introduced last year and carry on with the already great calendar of events, some of which have really brought the school family together and are becoming a bit of a tradition like the school games night which made a profit of **£428.45**.

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 today and in the future.

The joint efforts of this team have led to some incredible fund raising and some fantastic school events. The big parent/teacher fundraisers this year were the Christmas Fair which saw an amazing turn out, frozen Fridays and of course the movie nights.

It has been an amazing team effort raising a fantastic **£3,793.32**, with expenditure of **£1,102.32**, making a profit of **£2,691.00**. Again a sincere thank you to all of you.

This year the main focus of fundraising by FOBS was to support the erection of a new craft shack on the school grounds, work has progressed well and the children should be able to enjoy this new addition during this academic year. Now that this 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 and engage with 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 and it really does make a difference.

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
- Christmas fair
- 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.

The committee has worked hard to maintain the full schedule of events throughout the school year and we are always looking for new ideas so would welcome any feedback from parents. Particularly regarding activities that are not too resource intensive and have worked well in other primary schools. We really are keen to ensure there are lots of exciting things organised for the school family to enjoy!

I do just want to call out the Christmas Fayre again, it had been a while since we were able to hold this event indoors and the turn out was absolutely amazing. I wanted to say a special thanks to the local businesses who generously supported the event providing raffle prizes and running stalls on the evening. The classes supported by their teachers and TA's also did a great job producing some great things to help raise money at the event.

Again, many thanks to EVERYONE that helped, supported any of the events and contributed to making them such a success. There are also 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, just to name a few.

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 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 speak to any of the FOBS members or the school office 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.

Finally, I personally wish to thank each and every one of you who have helped and supported myself and FOBS throughout 2023/2024. 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 forward to the coming year with your continued support, you have all been amazing and we thank you all for everything.

Nicola Buttigieg and Laura Freestone