

Friends of Whitchurch Primary School (FOWPS)

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Minutes of Annual General Meeting Monday 24th September 2018 at 7pm At Whitchurch CofE Primary School



Present:

Vicky Brown, Nancy Judge, Clare Ashton, Jo Scarth, Sarah Dutton, Helen Mason, Sarah Bull, Jen Farrand, Sophie Waite, Victoria Rampton, Amy Barker, Jo Fisher, Rev David Roche, Claire Collins, Kay Young, David Winter, Katherine Lee, Kate Steven, Michelle Bruce, Anna Thompson, Rebecca Bunce, Faye Brown, Graham Brown, Sheila Lamb, Angela Davis.

Apologies: Sian Barr.

Welcome

Victoria Rampton welcomed everyone to the meeting and explained the aims of the AGM. She thanked everyone for coming to make the meeting quorate.

Events 2017/2018

We have had a huge variety of events over the last school year – some aimed just at parents such as quiz nights and very successful and enjoyable Bingo nights, others purely for the children such as school discos, easter trail and school fair. Some events for the community and wider such as the Primary Pedal. These can be great fun and if you can't help in any other way, then just coming along and supporting the events makes a huge difference.

Thank you:

Thank you to all those who have helped at events throughout the year, it could not be done without each and every one.

But special mention to:

- Jo George (Second hand uniform sale)
- Steve Berry/John Dollin (Primary Pedal Website/Posters)
- Alex Calvert (Christmas Cards)
- Alex Cruickshank & Tom Brunt (Quiz Night)
- Bingo Brian & Clare Ashton (Fabulous Bingo Nights)
- Sarah Dutton (Christmas Photography)
- Tim Newman (Children's Disco)
- Carole Dear (amazing water bottle holders)
- Chris Blake (for all his help and support with our requests around school)
- All the Members of FOWPS (for giving endless amount of time to the school)

Finances

Total profit this year: £27,836

Closing balance at 31 August 2018 - £34k however this year we have committed to spend £14k on a dedicated P.E. teacher for the school, leaving us with £20k to spend this financial year. The accounts have been audited and an independent audit report is available.

FOWPS funded:

IPads	£23,509
Forest School Teachers	£2,870
Lockers	£2,023
Author Visits	£1,206
Library Books	£709
Masterchef	£234
Library Equipment	£225

Kate Steven said a big thank you to FOWPS and all who have given time to support the events as the funding is invaluable through the funding of the lockers which enabled a room to be used for learning, Ipads have opened up IT curriculum, the allotment has supported scientific learning but placed equal importance on spirit of community that is engendered around the events and within the school because of what FOWPS organises.

Sarah Bull on behalf of Jo Clarke the school librarian thanked FOWPS for supporting the author visits which the children have really enjoyed, bringing books to life and have been great for inspiring reading amongst those who had previously not been interested.

How you can get involved

Even a little time can really help. There are a number of ways you can be involved through event organiser, advertising, publicity, baking, writing letters, face painting, running stalls, grant applications or fund matching (does your company run a fund matching scheme?) We are always look for new and fun ways to raise funds. All ideas are welcome.

What's in it for you?

Joining FOWPS provides you with an opportunity to meet other parents and raise funds for the school. You can help influence spending plans and organise fun events for both pupils and parents.

Events planned

These are the events that FOWPS has planned for the coming year:

- Bag2School
- School Disco
- Race Night
- Christmas Fair
- Charity Shop

Questions and Comments:

Q. Will there be scope for monthly donations to FOWPS?

A. Yes – a letter is drafted and will be sent out at an appropriate time.

Voting of Committee Members

Four committee members stood down – Jo Fisher, Jo Scarth, Helen Mason and Sarah Bull. A big thank you for all their work over the years.

Voting of the new Committee:

Position	Name	Nominated by:	Seconded by:
Chair	Victoria Rampton	Jen Farrand	Faye Brown
Vice Chair	Sophie Waite	Helen Mason	Sarah Dutton
Treasurer	David Winter	Victoria Rampton	Kay Young
Secretary	Clare Collins	Katherine Lee	Amy Barker

Committee Members:

Jen Farrand
 Amy Barker
 Sian Barr
 Nancy Judge
 Vicky Brown
 Clare Ashton
 Michelle Bruce
 Faye Brown

Taking the committee to 12 members. New members will need to be DBS checked.

Helen Mason indicated that following the nomination of the new committee the signatures for the account would need to be updated.

A resolution was passed for the signatories of the bank account of FOWPS to be amended to reflect the new committee.

Any Other Business

Finally, recognition was given of the work that Victoria Rampton has undertaken this year to lead FOWPS with passion, drive and energy to achieve so much for all.