



Chairs Report 2016 – 2017

Friends of Barnes Farm Schools



Chairs Introduction

We, the co-chairs, would like to begin this report by welcoming all new committee members and thanking all existing committee members for their continued support, dedication and hard work throughout the last year of fundraising activity.

Fundraising efforts from the committee have been excellent again in this year and our valued members should be recognised for their huge efforts over the last year and previous years and the way they tirelessly help and give up their own free time to for the schools. Without their help the PTA would not be in a position to provide support to the schools fundraising agenda.

Events 2016-17

Easter Craft Morning - 2016

A fantastic Combination of Easter and Mother's Day crafts was well received and although the morning did seem quieter than normal, this did mean that children were able to move between the craft options more easily and without delays. Including the proceeds from the eagerly anticipated chocolate raffle we are pleased to report that we raised a combined total of £248.01

We take this opportunity to thank the craft team for their organization, innovation and wonderful attention to detail. We would not have such great crafting events without the dedication of this small team who dedicate many hours of their time to these events.

Bag 2School - April 2016

This minimal effort fundraiser saw us receive a cheque for £220 which was well received and as a direct result of the kind donations of clothes and shoes from parents.

Infant/Junior Discos – May/October 2016

We continue to work with Jazz It Up entertainment for these energetic and fun filled events, held in May and October for the Infants and Juniors respectively. Each event runs two sessions to segregate the lower and upper year groups to ensure enjoyment and safety for all attendees.

The children were provided with drinks, sweets and crisps included in the cost of their tickets and all had a great time.

The Discos raised £825.85 in total and Jazz was also secured for the disco dates in 2017.

Summer Fete – July 2016

This was the second summer fete which proved even more profitable that our first event held in 2015.

Many lessons learnt from the first event were considered and applied to help improve the general running and organisation of this large scale whole school get together.

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We continued to receive support from local businesses such as Miller & Carter and the teaching staff were extremely helpful on the day. The tombola, stalls and barrow of booze were all very well supported and we raised an excellent sum of £2202.31.

Winter Bazaar – November 2016

Another extremely well attended event – with lots of stalls, festive refreshments and fun to be had by all involved. The children got fully involved and we intend to hold an even bigger and better Winter Bazaar in 2017. We raised a very considerable £813.14 with support from local business and parents. We look forward to starting our planning soon for our forthcoming bazaar.

Christmas Craft Morning - December 2016

A quieter morning for Christmas Craft this year but nonetheless very enjoyable with a festive theme and good cheer felt by all who attended. All who attend the event always say how Christmassy the event makes them feel and we thank our amazing craft team for coming up and producing some and innovative crafts for the children to put together. The chairs are very appreciative of the efforts from the Craft team and thank them by way of this letter for their involvement, time and dedication to our fundraising efforts. We raised a very impressive £301.81

EasyFundraising - Feb 2016

This quietly ticks along and brings in a small element of income. It could be an easy winner and we encourage our parents in every newsletter about the benefits the school could achieve by supporting this cause. This year with minimal input we were able to raise £33.93. We will continue to raise the profile of this area with a view to increasing income.

Bag 2School - March 2017

Money paid per kilo has gone down recently so the school didn't quite make as much as previous times however we were still in receipt of a cheque for £148 which was well received and we thank the parents for their kind donations of clothes and shoes.

Easter Craft Morning – March 2017

We combined this event with Mother's Day again this year in order to put together some lovely crafty gifts the children could hand make for their mums. We raised the sum of £224.31 which we felt was impressive given we didn't quite sell all of our normal tickets. The children loved the event and judging by the noise of the chocolate raffle they thoroughly enjoyed that too. As always, a very welcome end to a fun and enjoyable morning of crafting.

At this point the co-chairs would like to take the opportunity to say thank you and goodbye to Louise Rooney. Louise has been a massive part of the PTA for many years and hugely instrumental in bringing the craft team and the craft events to the wonderful level they are today. She has tirelessly given her time and her expertise to help improve our crafts and our events. Not only has she provided crafting help but she also ran some extremely popular cupcake mornings which were very successful and much loved by the children and helpers involved. We thank her very much and wish her all the very best in her future endeavours.

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Infant Disco – May 2017

The infant disco was a hot and busy event with many of the EYFS children attending their first disco. They had a great time judging by some of the moves going down on the dancefloor! We raised a sum of £126.84 and look forward to welcoming back the movers and groovers for the next disco!

FOBFS PTA Accounts

We would take this opportunity to pass out our huge thanks to Treasurer Chris Durham for his extremely efficient float arrangements and general management of the accounts. His efforts are hugely appreciated and extremely helpful.

The outstanding audit of account for the period of 2014 to 31st January 2017 were conducted and signed off by an independent body.

Communication – Owl Post

We would like to thank Michaela Watson for continuing the upkeep and production of our informative and catchy quarterly newsletter.

The Owl Post continues to act as a core method of communicating with parents and others key supporters of our charity which is also published on our active Facebook page.

Money to Schools

The co-chairs are delighted to announce that in the 2016/17 year we have raised a further **£4241.12** as a result of our events to date (not inclusive of Easter Craft/Infant disco 2017).

As a result of our efforts we were able to award two donations to the schools during 2016. The first donation for £2500.00 to each school was made in January 2016 and consisted of some funds raised and carried over from the 2015/6 period. A further £1500.00 was donated to each school in October 2016. Totalling an impressive £8000.00 overall.

The schools have advised the committee that the fund contributions to the schools have been allocated, as follows:

Barnes Farm Infant School: Magical Garden Wildlife area/ Benches for Outside Use & iPads

Barnes Farm Junior School: Multi Use Games Area (MuGa)

Our Aim

The co-chairs alongside members of the PTA look forward to introducing new and exciting ways to raise money for the schools during 2017/18.

We aim to continue to embed and develop our existing favoured events whilst working with our committee members to launch new initiatives which we hope will become staple fund generators.

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During this reportable period the Infant school saw a change in Head Teacher and we would like to show our appreciation for Kate Mills' input during her time at the school but equally have had great pleasure in welcoming her replacement: Rachel Welch, whom along with Ross McTaggart and the rest of the teaching teams we would like to thank for their continued support and help in raising funds this year.

We look forward to another productive year with the team.

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