

FRIENDS OF REED SCHOOL

Reed First School, Jackson's Lane,
Reed, Royston, HERTS, SG88AB
Charity Commission no. 1091180

The chairs report is an overview of the achievements of the prior school year. I hope that this information is helpful and insightful into the work FoRS has undertaken between November 2021 to 2022.

This existing committee was formed of Sam (Secretary), Cat (Treasurer) Dana and Rianne as executive posts and myself as Chair.

With the COVID-19 pandemic now a distant memory we have been able to have some normality and get back to fundraising with group activities and not have covid regulations hindering our efforts. We are really proud of what we have achieved over this last year, We have tried many new events some which work and some not so much but have found a great working strategy with the current team, we look forward to hopefully welcoming more team members on board this forthcoming year. We have managed to run a number of events and I apologise if I miss any out.

A summary of events/activities and the funds they have raised:

IQ cards 2021 - £77

Valentines Tuck Shop - £56

Sponsor 2022 - £585.53

Easter Tombola - £93.50

Barley Show - £208.54

Frozen Tuck shops - £150.10

Movie Night - £72.81

Treasure Hunt and Raffle - £216.15

£24 bags to school

Winter Fayre: £1771

Breakdown:

Tombola - £132

Entrance Fee - £199

Food and Drink: £510.10

Card - £124.50

Cash - £265.60

Raffle - £674

Stall holders - £220

Donations pot from craft table £36

Fors expenditure has seen each child receive a beautiful Queens Jubilee coin which marked her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee, this was a lovely gesture by FoRS and one for the children to cherish especially due to Her Majesty's Passing later on In the year.

Coaches can cost in the region of over £500, Fors have helped with this cost for year 3 and 4 children to attend the Kingswood residential trip. FoRS donated a total of £950 towards this trip.

Due to having such a small number of students, attending a pantomime is not always accessible with coach costs and staff to student ratio. FoRS paid towards companies coming into the school and performing for the children. £629 was paid and a further £250 for Alice in wonderland in 2022.

FoRS also funded the Year 4 leavers hoodies and maths pack/Dictionary. A card reader was also bought to encourage card payments due to the difficulty in banking cash locally.

Finally £120 was spent on a live singer for the winter fayre which I think was a huge success. Reed residents were quick to comment how amazing the singer was and how this added an amazing atmosphere to the fayre.

We have continued with the new starter welcome packs and had lots of great feedback from this

We have lots of exciting projects in store with new ideas being sent in all the time. We are helping to fund the play area in the playground to get a great new climbing frame for all children to enjoy.

We are already busy planning future events including welcoming back the Christmas shop, discos, film nights and much much more.

2022 saw the return of our first face to face FoRS meeting since the pandemic and it was lovely to welcome new parents to the meeting. We have seen that holding the FoRS meeting in an evening has worked better than when they were in the morning at the school. I feel that the meetings work well virtually and we will continue to do this with odd ones being face to face. We understand how busy our parents are and we have seen a huge increase in the presence of attendees of the monthly meetings, which we are hugely grateful for. Thank you so much to those who have given up their time and energy to support FoRS and the school. We truly appreciate it.

Jade Ames 18/11/2021