

# FRIENDS OF REED SCHOOL

Reed First School, Jackson's Lane,  
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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 in the 12 months since November last year.

This existing committee was formed of Dana (Secretary), Christine (Treasurer), Rianne, Charlene, Sammie, Sophie and Kay as executive posts and myself as Chair.

We have tried new events this year including Barkway Market as an example. Some events work and some were less effective. We have, however, 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 after expenses:

Winter Disco 2022 - £57.23

Parent Mail Tea towels from Dec 2022 - £478.33

Christmas card commission 2022 - £43.50

Christmas shoppe 2022 - £18.92

Amazon smile - £63.67

Bags2School – £100

Movie Nights £332.50

Tuck Shops – £254

Barkway Market 2023 – 225.42

Summer Party 2023 - £358.01

Pumpkin Competition 2023 - £35.10

Christmas card commission 2023 - £133.50

Fors expenditure has seen each child receive a Christmas present from Fors in the form of a lovely book. This has been mentioned time and time again how parents have not seen this type of gesture from a parents association and how much the children enjoy their presents. This year we are planning to hold a reindeer food making afternoon with delicious treats for the children and mulled wine/hot chocolate for the parents.

This year the children in Year 3 and 4 attended the Reed School camp out which has proved a huge success after lockdown and is now continuing every other year. Fors contributed £150 towards the camp out by supplying the inflatable assault course. Fors enjoyed seeing the photos of the very wet camp out and the smiling faces of the children in swim wear on the inflatable course.

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. £500 was paid towards the amazing production of Sleeping Beauty.

FoRS also funded the Year 4 leavers hoodies and maths pack/Dictionary.

Teachers were asked to provide Fors with wish lists that included items they would really find beneficial to have in their classrooms which unfortunately normal school budgets would not cover. Fors paid £522.51 and the items we supplied to the school were:

Building blocks, acrylic cubes, atlas's, play kitchen equipment, whiteboards, play aprons, play counters, thesaurus's and dictionaries.

Finally our biggest contribution this year has been £1495 towards a new trim trail for the children. This has been a project that has been in the pipe line for quite some time with the old climbing frame being unsafe and not being used for numerous years. Reed First School finally has a superb new trim trail that all year groups can use. Our mission this year is to continue adding to this with the final piece costing £3495 which we are hoping with Grants we can get this before the summer next year.

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 hoping that once the playground is completed we can raise funds for a canopy that can be used for the children to keep dry under for Forest School.

We are already busy planning future events including welcoming back the Christmas shoppe, discos, film nights, a potential Reed Fest 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 which was all done in a comfortable social setting of the Fox and Hounds in Barley. We are already planning another one of these to take place in the new year to welcome new parents to the school and hopefully get new parents on board.

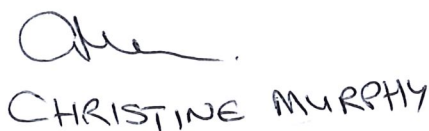
We have seen that holding the FoRS meeting in an evening has worked better than when they were in the morning at the school. I feel that the meetings work well virtually and we will continue to do this with odd ones being face to face. We understand how busy our parents are and we have seen a huge increase 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 without you we could not continue. We truly appreciate it.

Jade Ames 17/11/2023



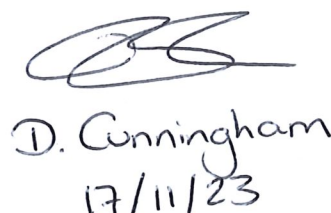
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