



Friends Of Oakfield



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Chairs Report 2018

FOO has been set up to raise money for the children of the school to benefit from in addition to the funds available from the school. FOO was reconstituted in 2016, all elected members of the committee are at the end of their term of office and positions were advertised to welcome new nominations for committee members.

In the constitution FOO has identified that it is to raise money to improve the playground facilities in both Infants and the junior's playgrounds. This has been the goal since 2015 and through grants and hard work FOO is starting to see this come to fruition, including the grant for the wildlife garden and sensory area which school are now leading on to complete.

2017 / 2018 has seen no change with the committee and we have continued to welcome new active members, and we are all so grateful to those parents who support us in everything that we have done as a committee. The support for the discos, fairs and other fundraising events has been really overwhelming. Most recently the support received for getting Rock Challenge off the ground and happening, could not have happened as successfully without those who helped to paint settings, help to get the children to rehearsals and the online support you have offered the committee. Over the year FOO have purchased items and supported the school in many ways just a few are mentioned below:

- Year 6 Production.
- Magician for Year R Christmas party.
- Discos and Kids own room.
- School fairs.
- Mince pies for the Carol concert.
- Organising, fundraising and running Rock Challenge.

The committee has welcomed feedback from parents and have tried to action suggestions and initiate ideas given to us. It would be fair to say that the change in management of the School has not had much of an impact on the delivery of events that FOO put on annually.

The DBS process is still in place and is overseen by the safeguarding governors Andy Sutton and Andy Biss – if there are any additional DBS's needing to be completed and there are issues these need to be raised to the school office. As it is a County process not a FOO decision or process.

Our social media presence has grown amongst the parents and does regularly get used for updating parents and reminding of upcoming events. The FOO page also has staff as members on there which really shows the strength of the relationship between some staff and the PTA. The locked down group does however need to be pushed a little more to ensure any issues or internal events remain out of the public domain.



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Minutes, events and updates are still being sent through parentmail and via email which we believe has been successful in reaching as many parents as possible.

As a PTA we remain in a lucky position to be continually supported local businesses – lots of raffle prizes donated for both the Summer and Christmas fairs from local businesses and organisations. Our strong links continue with the CO-OP and Testwood Baptist Church, which are essential to FOO's work, school community and fundraising for the school.

The Totton Carnival was successful this year and although we were not placed as a committee we were happy with the float and it was lovely to see so many children enjoying the day.

Rock challenge occupied our time from Jan – 23rd Feb and took up many hours of planning, creating, crying and dancing, but I think you can all agree it was time well spent!

This year has seen quiz nights, upcycle clothes event, our normal kid's own rooms and disco's. This last year the committee moved to the pay on the door for disco's rather than the ticketed events which we have done historically. This not only is more eco friendly but also slightly less labor intensive for ticket sales but also has been received well.

The new committee will have a handover with us and there has been some handover notes prepared for the smooth transition between the committees – however we would ask that you as active members are patient as it is a daunting task with so many things to learn and it is a steep learning curve, so some events might not happen sure as an Easter event or the carnival as these take time to plan and organise.

I personally would like to thank members of the committee for all their hard work over the last year and the support they have offered me over the last 3 years. It is the time for us as a committee to hand over the baton to a new committee – we have had our triumphs and we have experienced our lows as a committee – the barriers we have overcome have been vast, but it has made us strong and has cemented some long-lasting friendships both for us as committee members but also for those who have supported us through our journey.

So, for the last time I would like to say thank you on behalf of the committee to everyone who has helped and supported us, and we wish the new committee well in their journey together, and we hope you will support them as much as you have supported us.