

Trustees' Report

This is the report of the Committee members of FoSGS for the 12 month period since the last AGM in 2017.

The main event, as usual, was the Winter Fair held on the 25th November 2017. This year continued to build on the amazing work that was done in 2016 and again the Fair saw a marked increase in student participation and collaboration with the community and the School. An excellent sixth form intern ran various elements and gained valuable work experience. KS3 as always ran a wonderful games room and tombola with participation from both our Church Street and Rock Road sites. It was wonderful to see the students from all our sites contributing to the Fair's success. Fabulous support came from many departments across the school as well as Sixth Form and Boarding. The 2018 Fair is planned for 17th November this year.

Once again the Fair raised a net amount of almost £9,000 and the committee would like to thank everyone involved.

The accounts to the year end 31/8/17 are on the school's website and show a healthy position. We have again reduced the amount that we hold as a 'float' and therefore used more of the money raised for school projects.

This year the timing of the bids was moved to the summer term to assist the school. The Committee will make the decision on which to support after the AGM. The bids received this year totalled some £20,000 and came from all over the school.

The previous year's bid process has been closed off.

This year saw the continuation of the Termly Parent Forum Meetings and the E-Parent Forum.

The purpose of the Termly Parent Forum is to enable full, open and frank discussions to take place between parents/carers and senior members of the School's Leadership Team. No minutes will be taken and the emphasis is on encouraging meaningful discussions which will help to inform both school and parents/carers.

Parents/carers are allocated seats on a first come first served basis.

Further information on the Termly Parent Forums can be found on the SGS website in the FoSGS section (under 'Our Community').

The E-Parent Forum is now live on the SGS website (also in the FoSGS section). It is run by FoSGS and is designed to give parents/carers an effective voice by email, to support the valued relationship that exists between the school and parents/carers and to facilitate communications between parents/carers and the school. The E-Parent Forum welcomes general questions and comments from parents and carers about the school. Positive feedback as well as any concerns are welcome. Please do not submit questions/comments that relate to a specific student or teacher. Full guidelines and further information are available in the FoSGS section of the SGS website where you will also find the link to send your comments/questions.

A major success this year was the launch of the second hand uniform shop which has had 2 sales to date. This has proved hugely popular and the next sale is planned for towards the end of June. A School Comms will be sent by the school to advise everyone of details nearer the time.

This year also saw our first Firework event held at our new Rock Road site: this was a joint event with Thakeham Primary School. Next year this is being planned in conjunction with Thakeham Parish Council.

The current Committee members are retiring and handing over to new Committee members. There will be a hand over period. The outgoing Committee members wish them all the best in the future and hope that both school and the community continue to support them as they have supported FoSGS in past. Thank you everyone for you amazing support for FoSGS it has been brilliant.

If anyone would like to help FoSGS please contact us on fosg@sgs.uk.net.