

Friends of Bridestowe School

AGM Chair Report

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I would like to start by thanking everyone for their ongoing support and commitment to FoBS and to ensuring all the children at Bridestowe have the best opportunities, experiences and resources.

As you know the purpose of FoBS is to raise funds for the school to buy things to benefit the children, that the school would otherwise not be able to afford within their budget. This is largely done by running fun, social events for children, parents and the wider community and wouldn't be possible without the support of the school and all those linked to it.

As a small group of parents willing to spend our free time arranging and running fundraising events I think we do a fantastic job and this is evidenced by what we achieved last year.

Raising over £2,400 last year with just over £1,140 of this going into school to directly support trips and activities for our children. For a small school this is a brilliant achievement. We are good at keeping our costs down, again mainly thanks to volunteers and the generosity of people when it comes to sourcing and buying things for events but we must also recognise the support we get both from parents, carers and families linked to the school as well as the wider community.

Obviously there is £1,000 from last year that has not yet been put toward things for the children, as well as £900 in our reserve account and I would like to ensure this is reviewed over the coming year and a plan made with the school to ensure that as much of the funds raised go straight back to school as soon as possible to give the children a fantastic experience at Bridestowe school.

Jo Pritchard

Chair

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