

## **Friends of Bosmere School**

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Annual General Meeting

23<sup>rd</sup> September 2022

### **Chair's report for the year 2021 – 22**

We had high hopes this year for some normality to return to our school events after the past two years, and we were not disappointed. Thanks to the wonderful team and supporters we have, the PFA have raised an amazing £7278.07 and the events we organized and supported in school, such as the quiz night, summ-bilee social and sports days, brought our community together again.

The team spent time in September and October planning the events for the year, and alongside the usual favourites, one key addition was in response to a challenge from Mrs Green to raise funds for the new school library. The Bosmere Bananas for Books campaign (brainchild of our very own banana, Cathy!) launched in early November and started with a bang (or should I say peel?). The initial launch, boosted by monthly Awesome Snacks sales, and our fantastic Bosmere children participating in sponsored events, raised nearly £2770!

We held an ever-popular Break the Rules day in October, raising over £200, but unfortunately as 2021 drew to a close, COVID cases were rising again, so we took the decision not to hold the planned film nights and the Christmas Fair.

The spring of 2022 saw a return of face to face events in school. The family quiz was our first 'Hybrid' fundraising event, with teams joining on-line and in person. It was a lot of fun, and raised over £150. It certainly proved the concept should we need to move to virtual again in the future!

After much debate about the name, we held a summer event – the Summ-bilee Social, combining the Jubilee theme, some of the old favourite activities as well as some new ones, and a raffle with some fabulous prizes. The sun shined on Bosmere all day, and we raised over £2200.

The PFA have been delighted this year to be able to hold a school disco again for the children, (our first one outside, which actually worked very well!) as well as support the Easter parade and sports days again. It has been brilliant to see these school milestones happening again in person.

As mentioned, a portion of the funds raised this year will help fund the new library at school. The PFA also donated money for the Accelerated Reader program, which you will have heard about from Mrs Green. We have contributed to a number of other items, the details of which can be seen in the Treasurers report.

The PFA relies on a brilliant team of volunteers. If you are able to give some time to support the PFA at Bosmere, no matter how small, all are welcome. I have been the PFA chair for the last 12 months, but unfortunately my work and home circumstances have changed since I started the role, which means that I can't continue this year. I am still happy to be part of the PFA and help where I can, which means that I can support the next chair as they take on the role. Our Treasurer and Vice-chair are also stepping down. This means that as well as our usual call for help, we need at least two people to step into these roles. Without these positions filled, the PFA will unfortunately have to close, and we will not be able to hold any of the events described above. Please consider if you are able to help.

I would like to extend a special thank you to our Treasurer, Alison, for her attention to detail and endless support, to our Secretary, Sam, for her meticulous note taking and organisation and to our Vice-Chair, Cathy, for her boundless enthusiasm and energy (and being bananas!).

We could not have achieved what we did this year without each one of the PFA committee; thanks so much to you all. I would also like to thank all the ad hoc helpers – people who helped out when they could for events this year (some volunteered, some voluntold!) – you are all super stars! Not forgetting, thanks also to all of our lovely Bosmere families, who participate and donate. We hope that you have enjoyed the events organised this year as much as we have.

Finally, I'd like to thank Mrs Green and all the staff, for their support. Especially Nicola and Sheila who have been on hand to help always, and Mr McKeon for being a good sport and agreeing to have sponges thrown at him by over-enthusiastic children!

Look at what we achieved together this past year! I do hope that we can continue into the next year.

Jane Miller

PFA Chair 2021-22