

Parents and Friends of Bosmere School

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Annual General Meeting

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2023

### Chair's Report for the year 2022 to 2023

We had a nerve wracking start to the year uncertain if we would have a PFA, as all the previous key roles were unfilled. We have to say a massive thank you to SC for taking the reigns as chair, until he was forced to step down due to personal reasons. VC for doing an epic job of stepping into the role of treasurer, she had big boots to fill and has been wonderfully organised, especially as she has been challenged with tasks with some unorganised companies. JS for joining the team as vice chair, her knowledge as a teacher has been vital at helping us organise things with all parties considered and she has been brilliant at helping us make decisions quickly and supporting RC. EH, who volunteered at events last year has enjoyed it so much and is now a key member of the team, having organised several events and taken the role of secretary, from SH who stepped us a Chair temporarily, EH does a sterling job with taking notes and sharing them quickly. Thank you to JM who also stepped back into the role of chair for a short time. Thank you SH for her continued support having been secretary, chair and vice chair, she organised the Christmas fair and we couldn't have organised the summer fair without her always being on the end of phone and getting things done so quickly.

Throughout the year we have fallen into our natural roles so thankfully this year we are right ready to go with our key roles filled. CA being Chair, SH as Vice Chair, VC as Treasurer, Jo self as Vice Treasurer and EH as Secretary.

As well as people taking up the key roles we have had the pleasure of having huge support from new and previous helpers. This we take as a huge win! And thank every single person who has helped make this year a successful year. It has been brought to our attention that in previous years the PFA appeared "clicky", we feel this year we have very much become as one and this makes us very proud that so many of you wish to help. We have also identified the need for communication groups for helpers who are interested in attending meetings and helpers that are interested in helping with events, this way we are making the most of the skills/time people have to offer with bombarding them or pressuring them into doing things they don't like doing. We mirror JM words from last year's chair's report saying "no matter how small, all are welcome" so anyone who feels they can help are more than welcome to contact us and join in.

We as a team have been learning lots of lessons along the way, such as we realised we haven't always made provisions for after school club children or timings clashed when we organised some events, this is something we will endeavour to rectify in the future. We have also taken on board the feedback about asking for donations too often, although these are always voluntary and we do not expect people to donate every time, we have teamed up with our local Co-Op, who we have to thank

for donations this year for summer fair and sports days, and have pledged to help us with future events too.

Another goal was to make sure we are organised, especially after last year where lots of events were being arranged at the final hour. To achieve this we are in the process of recording anything helpful for our events in one place that can be accessed by all the volunteers, for example letters, posters, what we have had to purchase for events, this means we can easily use our previous experience in the future and easily even if you haven't organised that event before. More excitingly we have started to book dates for events for the coming year and a calendar will be shared with everyone so you can be prepared too. Some dates are provisional like harvest festival will be late September, others like the Scholastic Event is 5<sup>th</sup> October, Christmas Fair is 8<sup>th</sup> December and Summer Fair is 15<sup>th</sup> June. We have calendared some old favourites like break the rules, cake sales and discos and in the process of planning some new events too. The PFA meetings are also planned ahead so if you would like to join us then you are more than welcome.

During this year we have donated £7668.17 to the school which has been spent on the library, trips, resources, rewards such as TTRS and SATS breakfast week as well as the year 6 leavers party.

The events we held raised a fantastic £7745.18, the largest being £2520.98 with the summer fair. We also managed to hold the first Christmas fair since covid, which raised a fantastic £1014.68. Other events we organised are break the rules, film night, disco's and of course not forgetting the occasions we have sold cakes and teas and coffees at events like sports days. We would like to mention the free way of us raising money too, by online shopping through the easy fundraising website, this raised £210.03, this is a large drop on last year's so we will have several reminders through the coming year to encourage you all to sign up and remember to shop through the easy fundraising site.

To wrap up we would like to thank EG for her support this year and an extra massive thank you to NB and SW who are an amazing support to us and we couldn't do it without them!

We look forward to working with every single one of you who dedicates your time to help our children have a better time at Bosmere THANK YOU!!

Bosmere PFA Chair team