



# FRIENDS OF HERON

## ANNUAL REPORT 2016-2017

September 2017

### Key Points

- The Friends of Heron (FOH) committee continued with good parent membership to the end of the summer term.
- The committee has welcomed two new reception parents which have joined at the start of the school year. Thankfully there have been no resignations from the committee during this year.
- The committee is still continuing with two co-chair people.
- Friends of Heron have had eight formal fund raising during this academic year. All events organised went ahead as planned and were well supported by the wider school community.
- Leaver jumpers for Year 6 were co-ordinated by Friends of Heron for a third year and the number of year 6 pupils who purchased one was greater than previous years.
- The 2 main fundraising events were the Christmas Fair and the Family Fun Day which continued with a similar format to previous years.
- Funds raised this year were over £5000 with a more detailed Treasurer's Report available on request (subject to audit).
- FOH donations/pledges included the Christmas Pantomime and Christmas food for all pupils, I pads, Lego and equipment needed for golden time for Infants.

### Status of FoH Committee Members at end of 2015-2016

Heidi Ponter	Parent Yr1/Yr4/Yr6	Chair
Helen Newcombe	Parent Yr4/Yr6	Chair
Cerrie Wickes	Parent Yr4	Secretary
Lesley Locke	Staff	Treasurer
Julie Harrison	Parent Yr5	
Joy Elkins	Parent Yr5	
Sian Hart	Parent Yr3/Yr5	
Sarah Ractliffe	Parent Yr3/Yr6	
Jodie Smart	Parent Yr1 /Yr 5	
Ioan Gozmani	Parent Yr1	
Carla Redding	Parent Yr 2/Yr6	
Rachel Gherken	Parent Yr2	
Peggy Cooper	Governor	

The FOH Committee was at full complement of parent members at the start of the year. A presentation was provided at the new parent evening in May 2017.

The Committee recruited two new members in September 2017 from the new reception parents.

## **Fundraising Events held 2015-2016**

We continued to focus on two larger fundraising events, the Christmas Fair and Family Fun Day, complemented by a number of smaller children or family focussed events.

We also continued to run the popular Family Bingo Evening in January and July. This was extremely well received with a large number of supported and positive feedback.

The events held together with a note of the funds raised are detailed below (please note that all figures are subject to audit):

School Disco x 2 (£849)  
Christmas Fair (£2540)  
Egg Rolling (£263)  
Family Fun Day (£962)  
Year 6 Leavers Jumpers (£171)  
Bingo Events x 2 (£441)

The Committee are in the process of finalising the fundraising plan for 2017-2018.

## **FoH donations to the school in 2015-2016**

During the year we made donations and pledges towards:

- the Christmas party and entertainment
- I pads

## **Communications**

The section of the school website continues to be updated as and when appropriate. The Facebook group is maintained and updated with information on the fundraising events. A number of tweets are also issued on the H3ron09 page.

For reference, well established methods of communications are:

The FoH email address – [FOH@heron.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:FOH@heron.gloucs.sch.uk) (introduced in 2012)  
Using Twitter to advertise (and remind pupils/parents) about events  
A regular Newsletter (at least 3 times a year)  
Advertising of events through pupil post and groupcall  
Regular meeting between the Chairs and the Headteacher  
Presentation at the Parents evening for Reception in-take

## **Summary**

The Committee feels that this was a very successful year with a good balance between larger fundraising events and more children and community focussed smaller events. All events were attended well by the pupil, their family and the wider community.

The success of all FOH fundraising events is dependent a wide variety of members of the wider school community; Mrs Brookes, the staff, governors and of course the parents, both in terms of attending and helping to man attractions and we would like to formally thank everyone who has been involved in the fundraising efforts during the year.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank all the Committee members who have worked hard on the committee during the last year. The amount of time and effort required to stage the various fundraising activities is not always apparent but the Committee is extremely dedicated to ensuring that there is something to interest everyone and that fun is had by everyone attending.

A copy of the Constitution is available on the FoH pages of the school website.

### **Available on request are:**

Minutes of meetings since the Constitution came into force  
Newsletters 2016-2017

**Heidi Ponter/Helen Newcombe**  
**Chairs of Friends of Heron**