



FRIENDS OF HERON

ANNUAL REPORT 2017-2018

September 2018

Key Points

- The Friends of Heron (FOH) committee continued with good parent membership to the end of the summer term.
- The committee is still continuing with two co-chair people.
- Friends of Heron have had nine 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 fourth year and the number of year 6 pupils who purchased one was similar 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 £7000 with a more detailed Treasurer's Report available on request.
- FOH donations/pledges included the Christmas Pantomime and Christmas food for all pupils, musical instruments, B Bots, nativity costumes, cameras and memory cards, each class received £50 to recreate their book corner.

Status of FoH Committee Members at end of 2017-2018

Heidi Ponter	Parent Yr2/Yr5	Chair
Helen Newcombe	Parent Yr5	Chair
Cerrie Wickes	Parent Yr5	Secretary
Lesley Locke	Staff	Treasurer
Julie Harrison	Parent Yr6	
Joy Elkins	Parent Yr6	
Sian Hart	Parent Yr4/Yr6	
Sarah Ractliffe	Parent Yr4	
Jodie Smart	Parent Yr2 /Yr 6	
Ioan Gozmani	Parent Yr2	
Carla Redding	Parent Yr 3	
Rachel Gherken	Parent Yr3	
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 2018.

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

Amendments to the committee are as follows,

Lesley Locke has stepped down from the role of treasurer and committee

Joy Elkins and Julie Harrison have left the Friends of Heron Committee due to their children progressing onto secondary school.

Iona Gozmani and Rachel Gherken have stepped down from the committee due to further commitments.

We would like to thank them for all their support and hard work.

Fundraising Events held 2017-2018

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
Christmas Fair
Egg Rolling
Family Fun Day
Year 6 Leavers Jumpers
Bingo Events x 2

The Committee are in the process of finalising the fundraising plan for 2018-2019.

FoH donations to the school in 2017-2018

During the year we made donations and pledges towards:

- The Christmas party and entertainment
- B Bots
- Cameras and memory cards
- Nativity Costumes
- £50 for each class for their book corner
- Musical Instruments

Communications

The section of the school website continues to be updated as and when appropriate. We also communicate through pupil post.

For reference, well established methods of communications are:

- The FoH email address – FOH@heron.gloucs.sch.uk (introduced in 2012)
- 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 on 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 2017-2018

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Chairs of Friends of Heron