

Meeting Agenda for Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Monday 7th September 2020, 7.00pm - 8.00pm

Virtual meeting via Zoom

- 1. Welcome and introductions:** Katie Priestley, Dan Hunwick, Gadget, Caroline Hubbuck, Briony Hosford, Fiona Orr, Hannah Foley
- 2. Apologies for absence:** None
- 3. Review of minutes of last year's AGM (from 10/09/19):** When appointment of independent examiner was looked into it was not needed due to the small amounts we are working with.
- 4. Matters arising from last AGM:** None

5. Review of the year – Chair's report:

This has been an unusual year for all of us. It started well in the Autumn and Spring terms, but when the schools closed at the end of March 2020, so did our fundraising opportunities.

Overall this year we have raised £2476 – quite a reduction on previous years as were unable to put on any of the usual Summer term events – in particular the Hoe Down which is the major fundraiser for the year.

We have paid out £6282 in funding requests – the bulk of which was for the construction of the Sensory Garden. We have finished the year with a healthy £5697 in the bank.

We started the year with a PYO blueberry evening courtesy of the Pomeroy's at Puddletown Blueberries who kindly donated the fruit. We were then into sorting out all the Christmas Card designs which raised nearly £370. Enormous thanks to all the staff who facilitate and organise the children to do their drawings – it's a huge undertaking!

Quiz Night in November was a fantastic evening – enjoyed by all as usual. Huge thanks to Caroline H, Laura E, Nicky L and of course the wonderful Quiz Master, Sam Ling. We are so grateful for all your help especially the Lings who have given so much time to FOPS over the years. We raised £357.

The Autumn Term movie night was The Rescuers – enjoyed by many as usual. The tickets are £1.50 per child which includes popcorn and we raised £93.40

We were then soon into all the Christmas festivities. Our Carols Around The Village event is always a popular evening where families follow Santa around Puddletown singing carols and later come into the school hall to warm up with hot drinks, hotdogs and Christmas themed stalls. We are so grateful to the many parents/grandparents/teachers who help out. It requires a huge number of helpers and it couldn't possibly happen without you all. Huge thanks to Gadget's friend from Dewlish who was a wonderful Santa Claus! The CATV and Mini Market raised £427. The Dorchester Christmas Rotary Raffle draw is always popular with our families and this year we managed to raise £112.25.

Selling refreshments during the school Christmas performance raised a further £215. The first half of the Spring term is usually quiet in terms of FoPS events, but everyone looks forward to Books at Bedtime, the World Book Day event, which has been run for several years by Nicky Ling. The children come into school in their PJs to listen to the teachers read from their favourite stories. As I have said before, we will miss Nicky's wonderful enthusiasm at the FoPS events. FoPS sell refreshments to parents waiting for their children which raised £93.

The children love the FoPS craft events – this Mother's Day they decorated lovely little fridge magnets which raised £210. Huge thanks to all the volunteers who give their time to come in to school to make these with the children.

Unfortunately the Mother's Day Gifts were the final event before the school closed – our plans for the Spring Disco were cancelled as were all the events in the calendar for the Summer.

However, I would like to thank Betty Evans (Y4) so much for raising an incredible £400 through making and selling cookies at Friday school collections once the school opened to Years R & 1 from early June.

In between these events we have had brilliant teams of volunteers who have sold second hand uniform, promoted Easy Fundraising, sold cakes in the playground and MUCH MUCH more. For all this, we are all so grateful.

I am stepping down as chair this meeting – I would like to thank Gadget and Caroline SO much for all their hard work and time they have given to Fops and the support they have given to me, and I would also like to thank the huge group of parent volunteers who tirelessly put themselves forward to help out at events etc and make each event fun to organise and (more importantly) really fun for all who take part.

Thank you!

6. Treasurer’s summary of bank account (Total money in and out and closing balance).

We began the school year with £9,608.95. Over the year:

| | Credit | Debit | |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|--------------|----------|
| Funds Raised | 2,476.43 | | 2,476.43 |
| Operating Costs & Sundry Expenses | | 105.00 | |
| Joint fundraising | | 0.00 | |
| Funding Requests Paid | | 6,282.50 | 6,387.50 |

Closing the year, our accounts stood at £5,697.88.

7. Appointment of independent examiner of accounts for year ending 31/08/19:

Not required

8. Election of officers and trustees of the committee: All stepped down (Katie, Gadget & Caroline)

Joint Chair- Fiona Orr & Briony Hosford

Joint Secretary – Caroline Hubbuck & Hannah Foley

Treasurer- Jonathan Cunliffe (Gadget)

9. Any other business

Thank you to Katie- Caroline gave a big thank you to Katie on the parents behalf for the huge amount of work and organisation she has done over her time as Chair. Also for the way she has supported the team of volunteers. She has been fantastic.

Dan also thanked Katie for all of her hard work and he appreciates that it is a lot of work organising everyone. He has also appreciated the way she has been so supportive of the school and understanding of the way the school works. A big Thank you to Katie.

PYO Blueberries to discuss at Monday’s meeting

10.Date and time of next meeting

Monday 14th September -7pm

Since the meeting changed to Wednesday 16th September 2020- 7pm.