

FOSS News

December 2020

Working together for all of our children

Well that was an interesting year wasn't it? It's been a while since the last FOSS newsletter and for some of you this might be the first communications you have seen from us so WELCOME to the school to our new parents and children. There is a lot to read here - sorry! Please stick with it to the end.

What/who is FOSS?

FOSS or Friends of Stockbridge School is the Parent Teacher Association and a registered charity. Every parent and teacher is a member. We work together to raise money for all the children to have an enriched experience while attending our lovely school. This might be via events such as discos, parties or fetes but also prize draws, auctions and raffles (anything really!).

There are a large number of parents who regularly volunteer to make sure these events go off without a hitch, normally they would make themselves known in the playground as much as possible but not so this year due to the obvious social distancing restrictions.

There are also 3 titled roles of Chair, Secretary and Treasurer, these are currently held by the below parents.

Lucy Foord - Chair



Lucy lives in Stockbridge with her husband Adam and son Rowan who is in year 2. When she isn't involved with FOSS, running around after an energetic 6-year-old or working in dentistry, she can be found helping on the family farm. Lucy was elected as Chair when Rowan started school 3 years ago, has said she loves being part of FOSS and can't wait to see what we can achieve together in 2021.

Kate Scragg - Treasurer



Kate lives in Stockbridge with her husband Chris and 4 children, Harrison, Orla and Sam who all attend the school and Grace the youngest. Last year Kate and Chris set up the Stockbridge Youth Football team which is attended by their son Harrison and several other Stockbridge boys. She loves the community feel of the school.

Kathryn Campling - Secretary



Kathryn lives in Stockbridge with her husband Phil and two children, Morris and Italia. She is new to the role of Secretary.

Kathryn is a qualified Yoga teacher with a work life background in corporate and data governance. Kathryn is your contact for anything admin related for FOSS.

AGM

The AGM will take place on the 9th December at 8pm. An agenda and link to the Zoom meeting details will be sent out and we hope to see many of you there.

We have a new email address

You can contact the Chair, Secretary and Treasurer using the new email address
friendsofstockbridgeschool@gmail.com

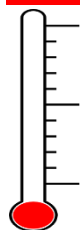
Email sign up

The current email list for FOSS is out of date; if you'd like to be kept in the loop with our efforts please take the time to complete the recent mailchimp survey sent out in the school newsletter. This is essential if we are going to maximise fundraising this year. Link here: <https://us7.list-manage.com/survey?u=b8e29482b84e80803021056bf&id=d11c4edc09&e=|UNIQID|>

Class representatives

Each class has a rep. who we ask to disseminate messages from FOSS to the parents in that class, this also might involve selling tickets to events or bringing messages the other way from smaller group discussions to the wider FOSS network. We would like this to be a role that can be passed on each year so if you are interested do let us know. We'll publish an updated list in early January 2021.

Fundraising Focus and Target



The main focus for our fundraising this year is to extend and improve the children's climbing equipment - the Trim Trail. This requires a total of £10,000. FOSS hopes to raise £4,000 this year with your help.

If you have ideas for fundraising and/or can help FOSS with your skills please get in touch using the email address, we'd love to hear from you. If you can do this before the AGM we can include them there.

Current fundraising:

12 days of Christmas draws - start on the 3rd December. Buy a £5 ticket per child and be in with a chance to win a prize every day until the last day of term. We've sold 84 tickets so far.

Christmas trees - Pre order your Christmas trees at last year's prices and collect on the 5th December. Bring an order form in to school and pay using BACS, card or cash. See the school newsletter 10 for full details.

Easy Fundraising - create an account on the easy fundraising page or app and earn donations to FOSS every time you shop with your favourite retailers. Donations come from the retailers.

Boilerjuice - buy your heating oil from Boilerjuice and register FOSS as your chosen charity. Boilerjuice will then donate 25p per 100 litres of fuel purchased.

If you would like help setting any of the above up do get in touch and we'll be happy to explain.

Looking forwards and ideas - all need to be confirmed in early January 2021.

- **Valentines Silent Auction** - Items donated by local businesses will be auctioned in time for Valentines day
- **Penny Jar club** - to be run in school - copper and silver coins collected each month by each class/colour family. Highest amount wins a prize, starts again each month
- **100 club** - ticket buy in every month at £1, £2 or £5. End of the month is a draw for prize or cash (tbc).
- **5k Run/walk/cycle club** - following success of Route 66 in the summer term. Buy in each term per child/family (tbc). The more 5ks completed the more entries to the draw at the end of the month.

Thank you so much for reading all of this - we know it is a lot!