



FOBS

FRIENDS OF BOTLEY SCHOOL

Friends of Botley School (FOBS)

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday 1st April 2025

A meeting of the friends of Botley School (FOBS) PTA of Botley Primary School was held on Tuesday 1st April 2025 at 7.00pm Botley Primary School's staff room.

Carys welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. In attendance.

Carys Gibson Dickinson (Chair), Anna Littler (Vice-Chair), Joe Cooil (Head Teacher), Jess Hunter (Co Treasurer), Tahlia Rouse (Secretary), Yas Parsons.

Apologies from Jill Glover, Emma Hamp, Jenny Claridge, Jocelyn Duckham

2. Treasurer's report.

3. GRANTS update

- We have also received £500 for the swimming pool from parent Natasha Jenkins and she works at the One Savings Bank PLC. This money is towards the swimming pool £500 because the community application had to be very item specific and the school still require people to donate to pool as it costs £10,000 to run the pool just for the half term.
- £250 matching funding from a parent who works at SSE has been applied for TBC.
- Application form for funding from Costco to be done against an event- funding to be then confirmed.
- Request for funding to be given to manager at Co-Op- Carys has spoken with the manager at Co-Op and waiting on an back email from him.
- Blue Star Grant - Anna has managed to secure this and we now have funding for up to 8 coaches for transport through the year from Blue Star which will help with some of our trips. Anna to liaise with Mr Cooil about this.

4. Previous Events/ Debrief of events

- Neon disco- very successful and went really well. Summer disco planned for 18th July. Ria Jay a parent is great at helping in kitchen. We always get lots of volunteers. Discussion about future of the DJ/Disco. Simon Gibson and Carys Gibson Dickinson have DJ'd for school since 2019 and have done these for free for the school for the last few years but Ben their youngest son leaves Botley in July this summer. Discussion whether FOBS paid them £100 a disco to come back to do these. This would be cheaper than other DJ's and they know how the FOBS disco's are run. This would cover their PAT testing and insurance of any equipment they bring. Carys to speak to Simon to see if he wants to carry on after Ben leaves.
- Ice cream sale- went well. More planned for Summer weather dependent and after sports day.
- Second Hand uniform sales- really popular. Jenny Claridge has been in charge but Jocelyn Duckham is planning to take over in September and she's been having a handover because Jenny's son will also leave Botley in July.
- Music concert in March we sold refreshments- was very successful and a great showcase of the musical talent at school. School plan to repeat the event next year.
- Bags for school- less money per kilo at the moment but it may go back up again, still worth doing every term.
- Paint and sip night- very popular, fun evening and raised a good amount of money, would like to do this again for a Christmas painting evening.

5. School requests.

Agreed

- Activity Sensory Trail roughly around £2500-4000 budget around the edge of the field, so valuable to our children who may need some time out of the classroom. We have unfortunately lost funding for 1 afternoon a week so we are hoping that this will help support activities for the children. FOBS will only fund a small portion and other grants and support will also help fund this.
- Mural on the wall - paint sourced from FOBS DT Budget.

Declined

- Long Jump pit & Track roughly £2500 - will need to think about this look at this later in the year.
- Table tennis outdoor table £1500 - to include bats and balls. - will look at this later in the year.

6. Future events

- Quiz Night- Mr Cooil and Mrs Shuttle doing the quiz. Jackson Bailey sponsored £50 towards this event for the raffle and printing. Friday 11th May 7pm start.
- Colour Raffle 13th June - raffle draw in school assembly, very popular last year. Emma Hamp has agreed to make the coloured boxes up for the raffle prizes, she did this last year. Non uniform day and children bring in donations in that week or on the day. Colours allocated per year group. Was very popular last year and had three boxes/prizes per year group.
- Colour run 14th June 12.00-16.00 - £100 sponsorship from Jackson Bailey. We desperately need parents to support this event with paint throwing and or helping with refreshments/ on the gate etc! Please sign up on the FOBS website.
- Sports Day - will be selling refreshments (date dependant on weather but Wednesday 18th June for KS1 Sports Day Thursday 19th June for KS2 Sports Day). Yas to look into selling coloured Flags as a trial to see if popular in the disco.
- 21st June Revels on the Rec - Local event where FOBS will have a stall in conjunction with Boorley Park PTA Primary School selling soft drinks, water and snacks and running games. We will also need support with this event also setting up in morning, 12-5pm stall and packing up.
- 5th July 2025 Inflatables with Inflataplanet- need help on day with BBQ, parents to help run BBQ and others sell refreshments. People can bring own picnics. No smoking, no alcohol or no dogs though. Sign needs to be put up this is on the posters.
- 18th July - End of Term Disco- tickets and volunteering on website.
- FOBS AGM Tuesday 16th September 7pm at school hall- confirmed date. All committee roles to be advertised.

7. Any other business.

- B&Q community fund - Yas Parsons will look into this.
- Advertising on our FOBS website from companies parents works at? Can give the school a fee and we can advertise their business.
- Fireworks Night Event - Lots to arrange but hopeful that we will be able to run this new event later this year.
- Hobby Craft - Any parents who work for Hobby Craft or know anyone who may be able to support the school with crafts.
- Thank you to parents who have been involved with the match funding, this has been amazing.

We welcome any feedback from parents regarding our events and everyone is welcome to join the meetings should they have anything they wish to raise.

7. Date of next meeting.

Tuesday 3rd June 2025 at 19:00

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 20:45.

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