

# Friends of Buckland St Mary School Annual General Meeting Minutes

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2023

1. **Welcome**
2. **Present:** Sue Coombe, Jess Hodges, Gemma Thompson, Jayne Carver, Rosey Thompson, Nikki Scale, Jo Chesworth, Jennie Farmer, Grace Aplin & Sarayna-Maria Dean
3. **Apologies:** Sam Keates, Jess Larcombe, Amelia Ludewig & Nichola Thompson
4. Minutes were approved of the last meetings minutes.
5. **Chairpersons Report** – See attached
6. **Treasurers Report** – To be confirmed on completion of End of Year Accounts.
7. **Election of Officers:** All current committee members stood down.  
  
Sam Keates was Elected Chairperson in her absence, nominated by Gemma Thompson & seconded by Jess Hodges  
  
Gemma Thompson was Elected Vice Chairperson nominated by Sue Coombe & seconded by Jo Chesworth  
  
Jess Hodges was Elected Secretary, nominated by Sue Coombe & seconded by Gemma Thompson  
  
Nikki Scale was Elected Treasurer, nominated by Gemma Thompson & seconded by Sue Coombe  
  
Jennie Farmer agreed to act as nursery representative.
8. Any other business: Future fundraising ideas were discussed. The date of Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2023 was set for this year's Spooky Disco, time to be confirmed however it was thought it may be better to hold it straight after school finish. A cake sale is normally held to fund the fireworks for Spooky, this will be held on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2023. It was also decided to have a table at the Christmas Fayre to be held in the Guildhall on 9<sup>th</sup> December 2023, more details to follow.
9. It was decided not to make any further decisions without the new chair being present. The date of the next meeting was set for Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2023 at 3.15pm in the school hall, subject to change if not convenient with new chair.
10. There being no further business the meeting was closed at 4.45pm.

### **Chairman's Report for FOBS AGM 14th September 2023**

It was nice to be back to a full year of fundraising. Seeing the return of our hugely popular Spooky after a 2 year break & being back in the church for the Christmas Hamper Raffle. We held our usual fundraising events & started planning the Buckland staple of the May Fair, sadly not as well attended as the previous year the fine weather keeping the farmers at work & the Devon County Show we still made a healthy profit.

Race Night at The York was sadly not as well attended as we'd hoped but still a good profit thanks to the Landlord & locals of The York Inn. Although still with us it was nice to get together on the last day of term for Mr Morton's leaving party.

As always we thank the Parish Council for their kind donation to Toddlers, Nursery & the school & Hastoe for their annual grant. The clothes bin at the village hall & Easy fundraising bring in monthly amounts so please please continue to use both. There is also the Monthly prize draw. If you need details regarding any of these please don't hesitate to reach out to a member of the FOBS Committee.

As always all the money raised is used to fund experiences, provide equipment & generally enrich & enhance our children's time & education at Buckland. We helped Father Christmas deliver books to all the children, funded £5 per child for authors to come into school, booked & funded the Christmas panto, helped to pay towards transport for the whole school trip to Paignton Zoo Longleat, purchased Year 6 leavers gifts, gave £10 per child for their end of term trip to Lyme Regis & paid for the Year 6 day out at Somerset cricket ground. We have committed £2500 for the outside area for willow & Ash class & managed to pick a hot day to treat the children to an Ice Cream in the last week of term!!!

As always I would like to take this opportunity to thank the committee for their continued help, support & hard work over the year & to the parents that support us, without whom we wouldn't be able to do this. I'm sure you'll all join me in thanking the committee members, some are moving on & some have agreed to take on other roles within the committee which we're very grateful for. Having been at the forefront of Fobs since Samuel started at Buckland in 2017 I have decided to stand down from my position as Chair which I've held for the last 3 years and take a back seat role. That's not to say that I won't still be involved & am happy to help where I can (Cooking probably)!!!!

Sue Coombe