



THE FRIENDS OF RODMARTON SCHOOL

Chairman & Treasurers Report

1st September 2020 – 31st August 2021

Chair's Report

By becoming a parent at Rodmarton School, every parent automatically becomes a member of The Friends of Rodmarton School.

This report gives a brief overview of what The Friends has achieved over the past academic year. In this report we would normally also outline what we hope, with parents' help, to achieve this coming year but, as many of you know, Penny, Lisa and I will be standing down from the management committee of the Friends at this meeting.

Penny and I have served as Treasurer and Chairman respectively for the last three years - joined by Alex Bransby as Secretary in year one and by Lisa Peill for the last two - and, while we have enjoyed our time on the committee and helped raised thousands of pounds for the school and all our children, the time has come for us to hand the baton on to a new committee.

However, our involvement with The Friends will continue as Trustees with duties and responsibilities as defined in the attached Trustee document. It is recognised good practice for a PTA, such as The Friends, to have Trustees and we are happy to take on this role once we stand down from the committee.

As I am sure you will all appreciate, it has been very hard for the Friends' committee to fundraise or to organise any events or trips for the children, due to the Covid pandemic. Almost all the events we had planned – trips and events for the children as well as fundraising and social events for parents and carers – had to be cancelled.

However, at the end of 2020, we were able to hold Christmas Craft Week, Christmas Jumper Day, a Christmas Movie afternoon, and our hugely popular Reindeer Run Challenge. We were also able to hold Christmas Lunch for the children with a special visit from Father Christmas. We were unable to take the children for their annual trip to the pantomime in Cheltenham last Christmas so, instead, we arranged for the pantomime to come to them with a production of Aladdin by Wonder Pantomimes in the village hall.

In the run up to Christmas, with thanks to Candida Feversham, many parents enjoyed an online wreath making workshop and we were also able to auction two of the wreaths to raise additional funds.

Thanks, as ever, to Rachel Brennan, the Friends' craft co-ordinator supremo, who continues to give up her time to help the children with crafts. Thanks to Rach the children were able to make their own Christmas cards, and whole school tea towels, last year and all classes have already worked with Rachel to complete their Christmas card designs for Christmas 2021.

At the beginning of each academic year, The Friends' committee asks Mrs Musty for a "wish list" for the coming year. The committee then decides what it would like to be able to fund and, therefore, what it needs to do in order to raise those funds.

The following Treasurer's Report details exactly where those funds have been spent over the last year (see Pupil Enrichment and Material Expenses) and for the coming year, based on funds already raised, we have already committed to:

- £1,500 towards Curriculum Based Trip Fund (£500 per class)
- £3,600 towards replacement tablets (existing iPads are 7+ years old and barely functioning)
- £1,500 for phonics books

Another part of the constitution of The Friends is to develop and extend the relationship between staff, parents, and others associated with the school. Covid has made this incredibly difficult and many parents of children who joined the school in September 2020 were not able to properly meet other parents, or even see inside the school, until the start of this term. Sadly, we were unable to hold Rodmarton's Got Talent earlier this year but, even though it had to be postponed, we were finally able to hold the Big Summer Lunch earlier this term, which was our most well attended event to date and finally gave us all the chance to get together again.

Once they have been voted in, we will do a full handover to the new committee. As well as the usual annual events organised by The Friends, I am sure the new committee will have lots of new and exciting ideas but if any parents have their own ideas for ways in which we could fundraise then please do speak to the new committee. Since we took over the Friends, the school has almost doubled in size and we really hope that more parents will volunteer to be on the committee.

We appreciate that many parents - the three of us included - work and have many other commitments, but you can still support The Friends through Amazon Smile, and the many other "cashback" initiatives we have in place, and by setting up a monthly Standing Order to The Friends. Regular income, such as that received from parents' standing order donations, is essential. We are registered to receive Gift Aid on all eligible donations, which means we can claim an additional 25p on every £1 donated which makes a huge difference to our fundraising. A standing order of even just £5 per month makes a real difference.

Thank you to all parents for their support of The Friends' committee over the last three years. We really couldn't have done it without you, and we hope you will continue to support the new Friends' committee.

Bryher Grimes
Chair of The Friends of Rodmarton School

Treasurers Report for Year Ending 31st Aug 2021

The Friends Bank Account

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Opening Balance as at 1 st September 2020	4,441
Closing Balance as at 31 st August 2021	5,095

Summary of Activities

	Income £	Expenses £	Profit £
TOTAL	5,440	(5,028)	413
Donations & Legacy	2,302	(66)	2,236
Charitable Activities	2,951	(780)	2,172
Enrichment Activities		(3,349)	(3,349)
Material Expenses	185	(833)	(649)

Further breakdown of all activities is detailed on the following pages.

Charity Commission Compliance

In line with statutory regulation, as the income of The Friends of Rodmarton School is less than £25,000, we are not legally bound to have an independent examination of the accounts for year ending 31st August 2021. We have submitted the following income and expenditure for year ending 31st August 2021. Below are the previous seven years submissions for inspection.

Financial Yr End	Income £	Expenditure £
31 st August 2021	5,440	5,028
31 st August 2020	7,099	14,059
31 st August 2019	18,305	10,291*
31 st August 2018	4,118	6,315
31 st August 2017	2,058	1,374
31 st August 2016	3,190	4,606
31 st August 2015	5,564	4,522
31 st August 2014	5,288	6,265

*Extraordinary income from Bathhalf Sponsorship (in excess of £8,000)

Financial Year End filed with the Charity Commission 15.9.21

Fundraising Activities

	Income £	Expenses £	Profit £
Donations & Legacy	2,302		2,236
Parental standing orders	1,789	0	1,789
Donations at concerts†	0	0	0
Parental donations	206	0	206
Donation schemes: Easygiving, Amazon Smile, Paypal, etc	241	0	241
Other donations (NSPCC National Childhood Day)	66	66	0

†Unable to take place due to Covid-19

Charitable Activities¹	2,951	(780)	2,172
Administration inc. Insurance	0	(89)	(89)
Bonkers Conkers	0	(15)	(15)
Mufti Days†	9	0	9
School Tea Towel	667	(325)	342
Christmas Cards	82	(8)	74
Christmas Crafts	0	(68)	(68)
Reindeer Run	1,239	(45)	1,194
Christmas Movie Afternoon (In School)	6	(21)	(15)
Wreath-Making Workshop & Auction (online)	433	(132)	301
Smarties Challenge‡	110	(16)	94
Second-hand Uniform	218	0	218
Big Summer Lunch (Postponed until Sept 2021)	0	(62)	(62)
PTA Big Raffle	188	0	188
†Non-Uniform Days Additional Cash: Deposited Post Yr End	110		110
‡Smarties Challenge Additional Cash: Deposited Post Yr End	120		120
*Christmas Decorations paid for using cash on hand		(21)	(21)
**Christmas Lunch Decorations paid using cash on hand		(31)	(31)

Activities which would normally take place, but have been unable to due to Covid-19:

Cake Sales
Fireworks Refreshments
Quiz Night
Christmas Craft Week/Bazaar
Nativity Play Refreshments
Movie Night
Rodmartons Got Talent
Big Summer Lunch

¹ Based on income/expenditure through The Friends bank account: further expenditures have on occasion been paid by cash

Pupils Enrichment Experiences

In addition to the activities listed above, The Friends have contributed either in full or part payment to the following for Rodmarton School pupil's enrichment:

	Income £	Expenses £	Profit/Loss £
Enrichment Activities	0	(3,349)	(3,349)
Year 6 Leavers Picnic	0	(166)	(166)
Story Sacks	0	(200)	(200)
Christmas Books for pupils	0	(102)	(102)
Christmas Presents for pupils	0	(91)	(91)
Curriculum Enhancement Fund	0	(270)	(270)
Pantomime In-House (2020)	0	(1,045)	(1,045)
Pantomime Trip for whole school (2021, tickets only)	0	(405)	(405)
Phonic Book Scheme	0	(950)	(950)
Books for School Library	0	(7)	(7)
Yr 6 Leavers Hoodies	0	(104)	(104)
Sport Day Refreshments	0	(9)	(9)

Activities which would normally take place, but have been unable to due to Covid-19, however provision has been agreed and monies deposited post Yr End

Curriculum Based School Trips (1,500)

School Care Taking, Maintenance and Assets

	Income £	Expenses £	Profit/Loss £
Material Expenses	185	(833)	(649)
Window Cleaning of School	0	(90)	(90)
Outdoor Shelving & Trays for Playground	0	(513)	(513)
Staff Leaving Present†	185	(130)	55†
Get Well Soon Present	0	(100)	(100)

†Remaining £55 was spent on the present and reimbursed to Trustee post Yr End

‡Contribution of £2,000 agreed in principle towards replacement iPads following Yr End

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