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23/24 Review

Chairs Review of the year

In the 23/24 school year, we hosted our usual array of events and, thanks to the incredible support, time, and donations from parents, grandparents, family, friends, and the local community, we raised an impressive £6698.38 for the school!

Our June Fayre and Christmas Bazaar were as popular as ever. We took on board parents' feedback and moved the Christmas Bazaar outdoors, which led to stalls selling out in record time and we saw the school community really mixing together and enjoying the festivities. Many parents loved the change, with more Christmas Themed stalls, though they did suggest we remind everyone to bring coats if we do it outside again!

The Summer Fayre was another hit, raising just under £3000. It was wonderful to see our school community come together, with many former students and their families returning to join the fun. We added more activities this year, including a fascinating demonstration of fire extinguishers and alarms by Evotec, which both kids and adults enjoyed. The event was so lively, we could have kept going well past the 8pm finish time!

We also organized our first Easter Egg hunt around the village, which was well-received and enjoyed by all participants. FOSS handed out small Easter eggs to all the children (and parents) at the end of the term, a tradition we plan to continue.

This year, we held two discos, hosted by DJ Gareth, who made his final appearance this year. The children had a blast, and we're excited to have secured a new DJ for future events. For the first time, we also hosted a Parents Café during the end-of-year disco, giving parents a place to relax while their children danced. This trial event provided valuable insights for future consideration when planning family themed events.

Other successful initiatives included the 100 Club, Bags2School, Christmas Cards, Amazon Smile, and the Salisbury Lottery. We also provided refreshments for the Nativity Play and Sports Day, all contributing to our fundraising efforts.



This year FOSS have contributed £5000 to refurbishing the track and outdoor play equipment, along with subsidising school trips, providing prizes for awards, crackers for christmas and the year 6 leavers party.

We saw a record number of volunteers this year, and I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to the entire FOSS Committee, staff, and the army of volunteers who make these events possible. Thank you to the parents and friends who donate prizes and equipment for our events. Balancing my role as Chair with family, work, and life can be challenging, but with a supportive community like ours and seeing the positive impact on the children makes it all worthwhile. I look forward to what the next year brings!

Committee

This year we have ran with a committee of Sharlene Lucas (Chair & Secretary), Becky Ewing (Treasurer) and Tom Elkins (vice-chair), supported by a core team. I am sure you will agree, everyone has done a fantastic job this year and we all work so well together.

Following a call for nominations for the Committee:

I, Sharlene Lucas will remain in the dual role until we find either someone to take over the Chair or Secretary role. Team FOSS will continue to help run and organise events.

Becky Ewing has agreed to stay in role of Treasurer due to no further interest.

Tom Elkins will stay in the role of Vice Chair. At the point of drafting this report, Emily Marshall has shown an interest in becoming vice-chair and will spend the next few months working closely with the Chair and Vice-Chair getting a better understanding of the role. The goal would be to create a co-chair community with each person organising and running certain events to split the load.

Cat Elliott has offered to be Class Rep for Butterfly and Kathy Pascoe will be Class Rep for Robin Class. We will proactively push for Class Reps for the other classes.

We welcome Cat, Kathy, and Emily to the FOSS Committee.

Many of our FOSS Team will be leaving Stratford over the next two years as our children move to Secondary school. This year is a critical year to get a replacement team in place to continue the great work of FOSS.

Accounts

With all the fundraising efforts and donations, we closed the year with the following funds:

Current Assets	
Cash Tin	274.04
Bank Account	6,588.24
Savings Account	3,463.93
Total	10,326.21



