



Welcome to FOBS !

Thanks for taking an interest in the Friends of the Butts School (FOBS). This is just a guide to what we do. We have two joint chairs, this year it is Jo Saker and Rebecca Lynch. Alex Golding is our secretary and Zoe Watts is our treasurer. They are supported by our committee and class reps.

Committee meetings

These take place about once a half term where we meet as a committee with representatives from the school, usually Mrs Mitchell and Mrs Hallett, to discuss our activities. Anything we wish to do has to be agreed by the school. These alternate between days and between daytime / evenings to try to maximise attendance of those who wish to come.

What is involved with being a class rep ?

Our class reps are the way we can pass information to parents in a personal way. The main tasks involve helping to produce a piece of craft for sale at the Christmas fair, organising donations for your class's coffee café and helping to staff the class stalls at the Summer fair.

Main FOBS events



Coffee Cafés

Each half term we have a coffee café where cakes are donated by two classes. We ask for helpers from these classes to set up, serve and tidy away.

Unfortunately, it should be noted that children are not allowed in the kitchen.

Christmas Fair

One of our two major annual fundraising events. As class reps we ask you to organise with the class teacher to make a craft with all the children in your class which are then sold at the Christmas Fair. Packs can be purchased through Baker Ross or expenses reclaimed. We also ask for donations for class hampers. These are colour coded; lists of suggestions and other details will be given closer to the fair. At the fair we need volunteers to help with various stalls and games. We ask reps to motivate other parents to help !





Sponsored Event

We run a sponsored event every 2 years. We will be organising one in 2018/19. Ideas usually come from the school council and we help organise and run this event.

Discos

We run 2 discos each year. We ask for volunteers to help set up, supervise the Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 events and tidy up. Volunteers can help with as much or as little as they are able. Supervising involves helping with drinks and sweet collection points and monitoring doors so no one slips out. Teachers are present to deal with any other issues.



Socials

We try to have at least one of these a year. We have tried a number of different events including: wine and cheese night, race night, drinks in a local pub and quiz nights. They are usually great fun and a great way to meet other parents.

Summer Madness

THE BIG ONE !!

This is our main event, and it does live up to its name.

It is an evening event which is open to families of children within the school and not open to the public. We always need lots of volunteers to help this to be successful. There can be lots of little jobs in the run up to the event like delivering letters to local businesses, shopping and labelling tombola items. On the night we run several games and stalls. We ask each class to try to have volunteers to staff their class games.



And Finally...

Hopefully reading this hasn't put you off !

We try to make sure all the events are fun and enjoyable for all. Many of us have been doing this for a few years and will happily share advice if you need it.

We really would like to know any ideas you may have for future events we could try or general comments about FOBS. Please feel free to email or speak to either Jo or Rebecca, raise them in our meetings or pop a note in the FOBS tray in the school office.

We look forward to hearing your suggestions.