



End of Year Update

It has been a very challenging year during these unprecedented times and although we were unable to hold the fundraising events we had planned through-out the year, we were lucky enough to have raised significant funds in previous years to enable us to support our school in making some improvements during lockdown.

As outlined in earlier school newsletters, the new and improved courtyard area has been used through-out lockdown as an outdoor learning and play area for the children of key workers and the fantastic Bowfell climbing frame in the playground has been a huge hit too.

Thank you to everyone who contributed and supported the reduced number of fundraising events that were able to take place this school year. With these efforts and along with other parent donations, Easyfundraising and Amazon Core, we raised a total of **£5,792**.

Thanks to Nectar Class for organising the BLINGO Night back in October, which was sadly the only evening fundraiser that was able to take place in this school year. It was a great success raising over £1,500! A massive thank you to Abby Griffiths for raising over £700 with the Christmas Card project, Kate Cook and Carpenter Bees for raising £375 with the tea towels initiative and Sarah Hilder and Sam Penhaligon for their continued efforts, who raised over £60 for hosting the second hand uniform sales.

We were able to add these funds to our overall fundraising from previous years and contribute to the school's facility improvements, which took place during lockdown. We have outlined these spends below.

The lockdown and school closure enabled works to be carried out at school in order to improve a number of facilities and we are delighted to have been able to support these with our FROGS funds.

2019/2020 Spend	
£2,896	Ongoing commitments (regular facilities supported by FROGS), such as book replacement, coaches to events, £100 per class for a chosen initiative, sports equipment, as well as general FROGS overheads (e.g. insurance) and a couple of Author Day Visits.
£4,000	Refurbishment of the inner courtyard
£2,304	Upgrading library desktop PC's with more agile laptops.
£2,000	Constructions of Bowfell climbing frame in playground

Dates To Remember

Year R and New Parent Coffee Morning – **TBC**
Ropley School Kids Cookbook (Honeycomb fundraiser)
- **Summer Holiday Activity**
Social Distance Cream Tea (Nectar fundraiser) –
Sunday 20 September 2020
FROGS AGM – **TBC (w/c 12 October 2020)**

Class Reps

We would like to say a huge thank you to all this years' class reps who have done a great job communicating, organising and fundraising.

Class Reps for next year are as follows:

Bumble Bee – Jo Hurst & Bex Newens
Honey Bees – Mars Alexiou & Clare Adcock
Carpenter Bees – Sarah Allen & Sophie Primmer Kerr
Nectar – Vicky Ashe, Cody Carruthers & Jane Kanaar
Honeycomb – Sarah Mahoney & Jen Leckie
Bee Keeper – Sally Arscott and Kerry Watson

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FROGS Survey Results

You may recall, back in February FROGS launched a parent survey. Thank you to everyone who took the time to complete it. There was plenty of useful feedback and suggestions that we look forward to implementing. The feedback was really positive and we have some valuable ideas for future events. It is great to hear that so many of you enjoy the events we arrange.

Below outlines some key points that came out of the survey:

- We received over 20 suggestions of other events we could arrange, there were some great ideas, from gin tasting, 80's disco, family BBQ/picnics, evening pub meet ups. Many great ideas were put forward, so thank you and watch this space....
- A whopping 76% loved/liked the cake sales, so we will ensure these continue, however it was noted that some healthier events should also be held. We will ensure we offer a variety of events that suit everyone.
- It was great to see that adult only socials were enjoyed however we noted that some of people didn't attend as 'it wasn't their thing'. Our role as FROGS is to arrange a variety of events to suit different interests, so we will get our thinking caps on for varied events that others may enjoy. We also noted that some events are repeated too often so we will look to freshen up the calendar going forward.
- Over 65% of people felt that we are arranging the right number of events for parents, children and other fundraising activities through-out the year. Subject to government guidelines come the Autumn term, we will aim to hold a fundraising event of some kind each half term.
- Over 90% of people were keen for us to hold further Summer events, along the lines of RopFest 2019. We had a Summer 2020 event planned which sadly we were unable to proceed with, however we will endeavour to plan one for 2021...
- We are aware that a key responsibility of FROGS is to keep parents informed of money raised and where that money is spent. We detail this in our termly FROGS newsletters with additional updates where necessary in the weekly school newsletters. However, 24% of people felt communication could be improved. We will continue to update you via termly FROGS newsletters, the weekly school newsletters sent following each fundraising event or donation to school and we will also communicate via our FROGS account on Classlist. The newsletters and Classlist are the sources where almost all survey participants stated they get their information from. If you have any other ideas of how communication could be improved, please do let us know.
- Thank you for the suggestion of local businesses that may be willing to sponsor/support our events. Due to the current challenges many businesses face we will try to think of unique ways for businesses to support our school and FROGS in future events.

Thank you again to everyone who took the time to complete the survey and provide comments. We could not provide the donations to our school without the support from families and friends at these fundraising events. We look forward arranging further enjoyable and entertaining events when we can!

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Ropley School Kids Cookbook – Honeycomb Fundraiser

Honeycomb class fundraiser for the new term is to create our very own Ropley school cookbook! We would like children to contribute their favourite tasty, healthy recipe. It could be a starter, a quick bite, a main course or a dessert.

More details on how to submit your recipes will follow shortly, as the Summer holiday could be a perfect time to keep the children busy and to get them baking!

Don't worry, we will continue to accept recipe submissions in September, so there is plenty of time (and reminders). We aim for the recipe books to be available to buy in time for Christmas. It would make the perfect gift for friends and family!

Social Distanced Cream Tea – Nectar Class Fundraiser

Cream tea delivered to your door? Yes please!

On **Sunday 20th September 2020**, Nectar Class will be arranging for cream tea hampers to be delivered to your door for you to enjoy with family and friends.

Enjoy at home in your garden or maybe a social distanced get together at the park with friends.

Further details attached and more information will be shared when we return to school in September.



Swimming Pool Update

Our lovely school pool has sadly sat covered up as if for winter. We had a lovely line up of lifeguards for you, and our usual great lessons all planned, but luckily they will all still be there next year.

Mandie Jordan leaves us on the committee this year after many years of amazing support for the pool. She has kept it running spectacularly efficiently for which we are all so grateful. We would welcome extra support on the committee, if anyone is interested please speak to me, or Georgie Nicholl. Especially if anyone would be interested in joining me as a pool plant operator.

We are also looking for someone to help us replace the changing room doors and some other general repairs, if anyone would like to support the pool in a practical way!

Thank you and get swimming when the pool reopens!
Katie Bilham



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Volunteering for FROGS

FROGS area always on the lookout for extra help with various fundraising activities throughout the year. There are many flexible roles available which you can get involved with, including running discos, baking cakes or joining the Christmas Fair or Summer Event Committee.

Volunteering is a vital role that is both rewarding and benefits our children and our school greatly. You can help plan events and socials whilst getting to know other parents at the same time. Without your support and the funds raised by parents, the children will go without additional sports equipment, stationery, events etc.

If you would like to volunteer please speak to your Class Rep or a member of the FROGS Committee or send a message on Classlist to 'FROGS (PTA)' or Abby Hawkes (Chair of FROGS).

Classlist

Classlist the online system/app that parents and FROGS use to share school news, information, and reminders. Please ensure you sign up and check for updates, as well as receiving email reminders (classlist.com).

Have a great Summer!

As our school and lives hopefully return to some kind of normality in the Autumn, FROGS will be working with class reps and the school to organise some safe and fun fundraising events for children and families to enjoy. In the meantime, below are some simple ways to raise money for our school using companies you may already shop with! This year we raised a fantastic £350 through EasyFundraising just by people clicking the link as they were making purchases online. It's so easy to do so please tell your family and friends!

Finally, thank you again to everyone for your support this year. Stay safe and well, and we wish you all a wonderful Summer. We look forward to organising many more fabulous fundraising events when we all return to school.

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Here are some easy ways to raise money:



amazonsmile
You shop. Amazon gives.

AmazonSmile is a website operated by Amazon with the same products, prices and shopping features as Amazon.co.uk. The difference is that when you shop on AmazonSmile, Amazon will donate a %age of the net purchase price (excluding VAT, returns and shipping fees) from your eligible AmazonSmile purchases.

Please head to [AmazonSmile](#) and choose **Friends of Ropley School** as your chosen charity



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Ropley School fundraising number 17094



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A personalised stamp usable on fabric, metal, wood and some plastics.

By following the link (click on the image above) and entering the code **SO240DS**, FROGS will receive 20% of all orders from StampTastic. The stamp is a transparent block for accurate, easy positioning and the ink lasts wash after wash.

https://stamptastic.co.uk/pages/school-welcome#a_aid=5dd52c7403310



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Whenever you buy anything online - from your weekly shop to your annual holiday - you could be raising a free donation for FROGS

There are nearly 3,000 retailers on board ready to donate, including Amazon, John Lewis, Aviva, thetrainline and Sainsbury's – it doesn't cost you a penny extra!

It's really simple, all you have to do is:

1. Join by following the link <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/frogshampshire> / you can sign up for free.
2. Shop.
Every time you shop online, go to easyfundraising first, pick the retailer you want and start shopping.
3. Raise money for FROGS.

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Ropley Schools first social distanced Cream Tea

20th September 2020

Nectar class will be selling &
delivering cream teas for their
class fund raiser.

If the weather is good please
join our picnic at the rec, if the
weather is bad or if you would
prefer to avoid a large group of
people, then you could enjoy at
home!