



## Who are FROGS

**(Friends of Ropley Organise Generous Support)**

We are a voluntary group of parents who organise and run social events for the children and parents, to raise money for our school. We work closely with Miss Vittle and the teachers to agree where our raised funds will go to support all the children within the school.


Following the AGM, held on 18<sup>th</sup> October, a new committee were elected following the departure of Sarah Mahoney, Jennifer Leckie, Tracey Knight and Havva Buckles. A BIG thank you to them and all for their efforts over the past year and their time on the committee.

As well as the fundraising events organised by FROGS, we have the amazing support of Class Reps, who each organise a fundraising event per year. This could include a cake sale to an evening social event for parents and the local community.

## Raise Funds for the School and FROGS

There are easy ways to raise funds for our school, through your internet shopping! Log into these sites to donate as you spend.

 [www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk)

 <https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/270845-0>

## Give as You Earn (GAYE)

Can't make fundraising events but you want to do something to contribute.... Many employers offer a GAYE scheme to their employees which enables you to give to charity in a tax efficient way! FROGS is a registered charity and you can therefore donate a one-off amount or make regular donations through payroll with your employer. Ask your employer if they run a scheme you can join.

FROGS registered charity number - 270845

## Dates to Remember

After School Tuck Shop – **Friday 23 January 2020**

Valentine Cake Sale – **Thursday 13 February 2020**

Children's Valentines Disco – **Friday 14 February 2020**

Parents Quiz Night – **Saturday 16 May 2020**

**Classlist** is the online system/app parents and FROGS use to share school news, information and reminders. Please log in and sign up if you haven't done so already ([classlist.com](http://classlist.com))

## Current FROGS Committee

**Chair:** Abby Hawkes

**Treasurer:** Julie Stroud

**Secretary:** Kate Crossley

**General Members:** Amy Nettle, Tamsin

Armstrong, Groni McGuire Ferrari, Simon Hurst



(left to right – Julie Stroud, Tamsin Armstrong, Amy Nettle, Abby Hawkes, Groni McGuire Ferrari)



Simon Hurst



Tamsin Armstrong  
& Kate Crossley

# FUNDRAISING

## What did we support last year?

In 2018/19, FROGS raised a total net income of £17,760; £12,622 on general funds and £5,138 restricted to our swimming pool.

FROGS donated £9,484 to the School during the year for a wide range of items and activities. Our largest outlays were the replacement of more of the IT suite, server and interactive whiteboards, a new portable PA system and contribution towards Science resources.

We succeeded in raising sufficient funds to finance the Arts Initiative, which included drama, dance, music & art for the whole school.

## Where do our funds go?

At the AGM in October, the fundraising target and proposed commitments were agreed between FROGS and the school.

We currently have over £11,000 in the FROGS fundraising account from unspent funds, which we will use to contribute to larger school initiatives in the coming year.

In addition, our agreed fundraising target for 2019/2020 is over £6,000 however, as in previous years, we will aspire to exceed this amount! We aim to offer a variety of fundraising and social events to ensure that they can be enjoyed by many children and parents. The evening social events are a great way for parents to socialise and supports bringing our school community together.

## Fundraising so far this year

Nectar Class BLINGO evening	£1,591.61
Second hand uniform sale	£60.16
Doughnut & Milkshake Sale	£48.14
Tea Towel Portraits (current)	Over £400
Christmas Cards	£725.40
Christmas Fair	£2,440.28

Forecasted spend so far...	
£2,450	Regular commitments, 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).
£4,000	Refurbishment of the inner courtyard so that it can become a safe, accessible, useful and appealing space for the children, as well as helping to improve the appearance and facility of the school. Miss Vittle is reviewing options and quotes, as mentioned in previous newsletters.
£2,000	Begin upgrade of the library and children computer suite, by replacing 10 of the current 16 desktop PC's with more agile laptops, which in turn, will create more reading space.  An initial £2,000 has been budgeted for this year and we look forward seeing laptops in place early in the new year. FROGS will continue to support this upgrade over the next couple of years.
£2,000	Move the outdoor play equipment from the current area on the field or improve the play equipment within the playground. The aim is to have children access throughout the year as the current equipment on the field cannot be accessed during winter months. Options are currently being reviewed.

These forecasted plans are subject to ongoing review taking into consideration costs, priorities and unplanned improvements and initiatives. We will continue to work closely with the school through-out the year to donate the remaining funds. FROGS will keep you updated in termly newsletters.

## Swimming Pool Committee

The Swimming Pool committee is a sub-committee of FROGS and many parents and children will already be familiar with our incredible swimming pool facility here at school. Our children get to enjoy the pool during the Summer months, whether it be for their weekly in-school swimming lessons or after school swim sessions.



We are incredibly privileged to have a pool for our small community and are keen to continue the use of it. The pool costs over £6,000 per year to keep running. Much of the pool running and maintenance costs are covered by the Family Swimming Club Membership Fees (over £2,500), along with the school annual contributions for providing lessons and the parents 100 Lottery Club. The huge amount of funds raised from the 2016/17 Summer Aquathlon also continues to cover the costs. Later this year, we will be doing more decorative tiles within the pool area with the children painting their own designs. More information will follow in the Spring Term. We will also send more information about the 100 Lottery Club in January for the new year, a great way to support the pool and look ahead to the warmer months.

Thank you, as always, to the swimming pool committee (Katie Billham, Mandie Jordan, Abby Griffiths and Georgie Nicoll) and parent volunteers that work tirelessly throughout the whole year to maintain the pool for the use of the children come the Summer months.

## The Christmas Fair raised over £2,400!

Thank you to everyone who came along! We had over 270 people attend and everyone looked like they had a great time with many joining in with the festive sing-along!

The fair really couldn't go ahead without the generous help and support from class reps, other parents and the teachers, so thank you so much. Not only to those that helped during the fair but also to everyone who helped set up on Friday evening and tidy up afterwards. The school looked fabulous, especially the grotto! A huge thank you to all the children that took some time to help run a stall to sell the fantastic handmade gifts the children made.

The fair was great fun with a huge amount of money raised! Thank you also to our sponsors (Charters), Laura Warner for the fabulous advertising posters and external stallholders for supporting the fair.

More photos are available on the school website

[www.ropleyprimary.co.uk](http://www.ropleyprimary.co.uk)



## Have your say!

We are keen to hear from parents on fundraising activities you would like to see more or less of and what FROGS do well and where we could improve! In the New Year, we will be asking parents (and children) their thoughts so please take the time to complete the short survey with your honest views so that the FROGS committee can try their best to help OUR school!

None of the money donated to the school would be possible without the fundraising arranged by the FROGS committee, Class Reps and the generous support and donations from parents, so thank you!

FROGS can be contacted on Classlist (FROGS (PTA)). If you would like a chat with any of the FROGS committee, please contact us, we will respect your wishes of confidentiality and privacy.

Lastly, have a wonderful Christmas and we look forward to organising many more fabulous fundraising events in the New Year!

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