

FROGS NEWS

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Thank you to everyone who was able to join the AGM Zoom meeting on Monday. It certainly was different to previous years where the AGM has taken place before a parent social but it was great to see so many people logging in, so thank you!

The minutes and full report have been distributed on Classlist for you to view, please do take the time to read through them to see how your fundraising support has benefitted our school

During the meeting, the new FROGS committee was appointed and it was great to see some of the existing members keen to re-stand for a further year, as well as many new parents looking to get involved. Thank you to Simon Hurst for his help this past year, he will be stepping down as a Committee Member.

New FROGS Committee

Chair:	Abby Hawkes
Treasurer:	Julie Stroud
Secretary:	Kate Crossley
General Members:	
Amy Nettle	Tamsin Armstrong,
Leanne Colfer	Grainne McGuire-Ferrari
Laura Silk	Bella Samuelson
Lisa McCrystal	



Our new logo!

Thank you to Laura and Tom Warner for their excellent skills in creating this logo & new newsletter banner!



Classlist Please Sign Up!

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) so not to miss out.

It's also useful to pop a photo on there so other parents recognise you. It's so helpful for new parents!

Festive Fun!

Sadly, the school Christmas Fair won't be able to take place this year but we will still have some festive fun!

Keep your eyes peeled for we will be sharing more information soon from Christmas Eve Boxes, Virtual Santa Visits and Raffle Prizes

Coffee Meet Ups!

Due to all the government restrictions in place, we have unfortunately been unable to run our 'New Parents Coffee Morning' at the start of term. FROGS & Class Reps however will be hosting some small coffee get togethers for parents to meet and get to know each other.

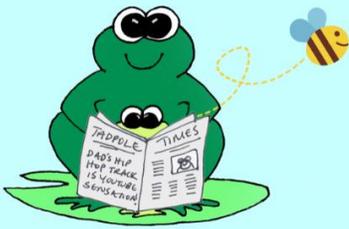
Adhering to government guidelines, currently these will be restricted to 6 people only and will be held in a local coffee shop.

It's been great to see so many new families join the school across all years and we know more families will be joining as the year progresses. It's increasingly difficult for new parents to meet others so we hope these coffee meet ups help, please do try and come along if you can!

Get Cooking!

Don't forget the Honeycomb class Cookbook fundraiser.

Get cooking over the half term, take a photo and submit the recipe ropleyfrogs@gmail.com to be included in a Ropley School Cookbook!



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What did we raise last year?

Full details of what we did last year is outlined within the AGM report sent to you on Classlist.

In 2019/20, FROGS raised a total net income of £6,445; £5,963 on general funds and £482 restricted to our swimming pool.

This was a 64% decrease from the previous year, this significant decrease was unfortunately due to the Covid-19 pandemic, school closure and no fundraising being able to take place.

Despite this decrease, net Fundraising was only £137 under the planned total FROGS had budgeted for the year. This is thanks to the money raised by the Nectar class BLINGO fundraiser, Portrait Tea Towels organised by Kate Cook and Carpenter Bees and Christmas cards co-ordinated by Abby Griffiths, all raising incredible funds. In addition, we were also lucky to run our Christmas Fair prior to lockdown, our regular 2nd hand uniform sale organised by Sarah Hilder and Sam Penhaligon and some after school 'pop up' snack stalls run by FROGS.

What is our fundraising target this year?

This year will prove incredibly difficult to run our usual fundraising events but our new FROGS committee and class reps will be thinking of some creative, Covid safe fundraising events for families and our children to enjoy.

Over the next few weeks this year's fundraising target and proposed commitments will be agreed between FROGS and the school. We envisage the school's wish list will include refurbishing the library space as well as other smaller donations for each class through-out the year.

Having spent majority of the funds in the FROGS account on the Courtyard refurbishment, Bowfell climbing frame and laptop rental we have our work cut out to raise as much as we can towards our target for this year.

FROGS will be launching a 'Go Fund Me' page for parents, businesses and local community to make donations direct to the FROGS/School. Direct donations have proved popular with parents over the past few months in light of the restrictions which has limited the fundraising events that can take place. Further details on how to make direct donations will be shared soon.

As with every year, any forecasted donations with the school are subject to ongoing review taking into consideration costs, priorities and unplanned improvements and initiatives. FROGS will continue to work closely with Miss Vittle through-out the year and will keep you updated in newsletters.

Thank you to those of you who have signed up and are using **EasyFundraising**.

If you haven't already do get signed up as it's an easy FREE way to raise funds for our school, as you shop online. You can ask families and friends to sign up too! A great way to raise money for the school whilst doing your Christmas shopping.



www.easyfundraising.org.uk

2010/21 Fundraising so far this year

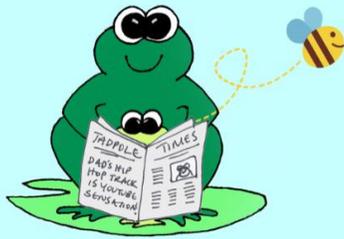
Nectar Class Afternoon Tea	£974.00
Second hand uniform sale	£103.15
Christmas Cards	TBC

Second Hand Uniform

There is still plenty of uniform available if you want to stock up!

Please contact Sarah Hilder or Sam Penhaligon on Classlist who will be happy to let you know what they have.

Only 50p per item
You can now donate for your items online!



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Swimming Pool Committee

As you know, the school pool has very sadly had to remain closed this past summer. We really do hope we are able to open up for swimming lessons and after school fun swims this coming summer.



The pool is such a great addition to our school and for those of you that aren't aware, the pool is managed and maintained solely by parent volunteers and all costs are covered by parent fundraising and donations. Sadly majority of the previous parent volunteers no longer have children at the school therefore we are calling out for new volunteers to help!

Our long standing Treasurer, Mandie Jordan has now stood down, so we are looking for someone to take on this role, as well as some other parents to join us on the Swimming Pool Committee and if someone is willing, to take on the role of swimming pool Chair! It is a great way to help the school, and although there are some bits to do over the rest of the year, a lot of it only happens in the Summer term when the children are swimming. You will also have the support of FROGS!

It would be devastating if we were unable to keep the pool running so please do come forward if you can volunteer. Please contact Katie Billham on Classlist or a member of the FROGS team if you are interested in helping out.

100 Lottery Club

The 100 Lottery Club was set up to provide regular funding for the pool and has proved very popular with parents taking part, enjoying the chance of winning a cash prize in the draws every two months. Sadly Andy Penhaligon, who has administered the lottery for a number of years, will be stepping down.

The lottery club provides a large amount of funds to the pool so we are keen to keep it running and would welcome a parent to volunteer to run this going forward. If anyone is interested in taking on the administration (which isn't a huge amount!) Andy would be happy to talk through what this entails.

We look forward sharing more information about the 100 Club and how you can take part for a chance to win!

Thank you again to Andy for running the lottery for the past 4 years!

We have a challenging fundraising year ahead but we hope the Covid safe activities we have planned are fun for the children and families. None of the money donated to the school would be possible without these fundraising events so please do support where you can. Remember we will be setting up a 'Go Fund Me' page if you prefer to donate that way.

As always, FROGS members can be contacted on Classlist or via ropleyfrogs@gmail.com. If you have any good fundraising ideas then please let us know, new, unique and Covid safe ideas for everyone to enjoy are always welcome!

Finally, keep your eyes peeled for the coffee meet up dates. Whether you are new to the school or just fancy a coffee and chat, everyone is welcome!

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