

FOCKSA ANNUAL REPORT 2009/2010

On behalf of the FOCKSA committee, I am pleased to present the annual report covering the academic year 2009/2010. This has been my first year of chairing FOCKSA and I would firstly like to thank the rest of the FOCKSA team – without them and their continued support we would not have achieved much at all. During 2009/10 we organised 7 events in all raising a total of £ 8,700. Our grants to the school totalled £11,000 which were used to complete a number of projects and funded a number of activities for the children.

FUNDING SCHOOL LIFE – ACTIVITIES FOR THE CHILDREN

For the second year running we have funded a grant of £200 to each class to subsidise a school trip - for example: Year 3 enjoyed a field day in Henley and explored its River Museum as part of their Rivers topic and Yr R enjoyed a day at the Discovery Centre at the Look Out. The FOCKSA grant subsidised the transport costs for both of these trips. We also paid for two in-school drama production which benefits the whole school. The 'Kosmic Krew' have been visiting the school for a number of years and all the children enjoy their productions – a chance to experience a live professional show. We supported the Christmas Lunch, the Year 6 Leavers party and provide a special gift for each leaving child as part of marking their time here.

Looking ahead Miss Lundy's wish list for this year includes new football nets and plans to expand the library all of which we hope to be able to donate grants.

FUNDING SCHOOL LIFE – FACILITIES FOR THE SCHOOL

Our capital grants include completing the landscaping at the back of Da Vinci class for the year 6 to enjoy some 'grown-up' space during the better weather. Our main project though, is to fund the markings on the new playground surface. This is planned to be completed over the October half term and we are all excited to see the result – all the children will benefit from this project. We were fortunate to receive a £500 grant for the playground from the Eversley and Bramshill Trust – thanks to Mr Pete Tidy for thinking of us. Finally we purchased a PA system which has greatly improved the communication at

all events especially sports day – at least the parents now know which race is running.

Miss Lundy's wish list here includes tidying up the gardens and paths at the side of the school and the possible purchase of permanent shade areas for the children. Again hopefully we may be able to help with these projects.

EVENTS LAST YEAR

We organised 2 school discos – always popular with the children and parents alike, whose support we appreciate (secretly i think the parents volunteer to help just to see their children and more importantly the teachers strut the floor!!). The Christmas Fair was well supported with the usual games, crafts, stalls, Santa and mulled wine. We raised £2,200. Santa and FOCKSA again supported the Christmas lunch with a sack full of presents. Our next event was the Quiz and Curry Night – this time back in the school hall and a fantastically delicious curry supplied by xenuks in Finch. Thank you to Claire Harris who co-ord this. Our next event was a new idea introduced and co-ord again by Claire Harris – the Plant Sale. This proved to be a real success – a beautiful selection of plants were on offer at excellent prices – all who bought were delighted with the results. Certainly this sale will be repeated next spring.

The summer fair ran with a sporting theme this year supported by Reading football Club with a penalty shoot out, a Judo display and an excellent netball tournament with FOCKSA taking on the staff and parents. In case you were wondering – the Staff won – what a very talented team of Staff CKS has. We supported Sports Day with refreshments and provided a much needed sun shade with the marquee for ECC. Following this we have decided to purchase our own marquee for future events.

Finally the Barn Dance , a fun social event for all the family was held in the Village Hall as the weather looked threatening. Dancing to Saxon Drain- fun and reeling was had by all ages.

THE THANK YOUS

None of these events mentioned would happen without a good deal of effort from the FOCKSA team and a large number of staff and parents who give unstintingly in their time. My thanks to all my committee members whose individual efforts are so valuable and to those who are not officially on the committee but seem to work just as hard.

There are two committee members who are retiring this year – Karen Eaves and Claire Baker. Karen Eaves, the BBQ Queen has proved a great support in so many events and Claire, our secretary, has been a dedicated member of FOCKSA for many years. We shall miss you both. Thanks you for all your commitment and hard work. Therefore we are looking for a secretary and some more enthusiastic parents to join FOCKSA this year. We also need Class Representatives who are happy to liaise with FOCKSA and their respective class to help promote our events and receive feedback from parents.

These posts are a commitment for one year or longer if so wished. I will be standing as chair for this year and am looking forward to plenty of fun being involved in all our planned events this year.

Now you all have an idea of FOCKSA activities we welcome any new ideas for events – fun or fundraising and if you have not done so already please add your ideas and contact details to our Ideas Board at the end of this meeting.

Georgina Bird - Chairman