



Annual Report Friends of St Mary Abbots School

Year ending Aug 31st 2021

Report and Financial Statements (Unaudited)



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FOSMAS Chair

Welcome to the Friends of St Mary Abbots School [FOSMAS] 2020-2021 Annual Report. I hope you find everything included herein to be informative and you can see what has been accomplished over the past year. Although it has been a challenging year in many ways due to the pandemic, at the same time it was remarkably successful.

We continue to live in a rapidly changing and dynamic world. During the majority of the period this report covers the UK operated with some form of Covid restrictions which was not easy (for parents, children, and staff alike, as well as for our wider families and community), to say the least. It is in times like these that our community spirit prevails and shines, and we pull together to help each other and our school. From FOSMAS we would like to acknowledge that these have been incredibly testing times for all, and we would like to send everyone our absolute best wishes and a huge THANK YOU.

To support the children's education during this period, the teachers had to make a swift transition to online-only education. St Mary Abbots School [SMAS] was one of the only schools in the borough able to provide virtual education as consistent as possible within the curriculum. This was an incredible achievement and the result of hours of training and preparation. We applaud the leadership of Mr. Primrose, the support of the Governors and Mother Emma, and of course the wonderful execution by all the teachers and staff at SMAS. Their efforts have been nothing short of heroic. I would also like to thank all those involved in FOSMAS for all their tireless efforts.

In the midst of all the challenges the pandemic presented, SMAS has seen a transformational change/upgrade on many levels. The curriculum has seen a significant upgrade, facilities improved, a completely new IT system installed throughout the school and new offerings provided (language lessons, music lessons, swimming lessons, etc.). Much of this has been the result of YOU, the parents, who generously donate to FOSMAS in support of all these endeavours. Even seemingly minor things (such as the multiple extra wash basins FOSMAS had installed to help keep the school Covid safe and most importantly open for lessons) have been of enormous benefit to all.

At FOSMAS we tried to find ways to support our school and the children throughout this period in non-tangible ways in addition to tangible ways. We worked very hard to keep fun events going for the children but were limited in what we could do. The Summer Fair in the Vicarage Garden was delayed until September due to Covid restrictions. Although it rained on the day, the event was a huge success (both financially and spiritually) with loads of fun had by all ages. The Christmas Fair was also allowed to proceed and was hosted in the church, and once again it was a huge success. We even managed to host a bake/uniform sale in front of the school where kids got their fill of sweets and parents got their fill of pre-owned uniforms. Although these events happened after the period

covered by this Annual Report, as restrictions were lifted we were able to host some of our biggest in-person events (and thus they are not included in the current financials but will appear in our next update). We also have a lot planned between now and the summer break, including: Read-A-Thon, parents Quiz Night, KS2 Movie Night, KS1 Disco, Fun-Run, and of course the Summer Fair.

The SMAS School Fund in support of the 'Vision' Mr. Primrose introduced last year has seen remarkable success. So, a HUGE THANK YOU to all of you who have contributed already and continue to do so. None of this would be possible without your generous support. You will see in the financials section of this report how much we raised for the school. However, there is more to do (as always) so please continue your support if you are already a regular donor and if you are not, please consider becoming a regular donor if you can. Remember that FOSMAS is a registered charity, with 100% of money raised going back into the school. As a resisted charity we also benefit from Gift-Aid, which increases the value of donations by 25% (plus, there are individual personal tax benefits from individual donations).

As many of you know, I have been a parent at the school for over 15 years and have never felt that SMAS has been in a better position than it is today. We hope you find this report uplifting and interesting, and that you will join us in wishing all the staff at SMAS and all families good health and best wishes in the year(s) ahead.

Nicholas Kyprios
FOSMAS Chair

"Believe you can and you're halfway there."

-Theodore Roosevelt-

Charity Information

Background and Objectives

The Friends of St Mary Abbots School (FOSMAS) is a registered UK charity formally constituted in January 1994. It is governed by its Constitution, as amended, and adopted on 12 July 2011¹.

The main objective of this charity is to advance the education of pupils in St Mary Abbots School (SMAS) by:

1. Developing effective relationships between the staff, parents and others associated with the school.
2. Engaging in activities or providing facilities or equipment which support the school and advance the education of the pupils.

The charity relies on a formally constituted Committee to pursue this objective. FOSMAS Committee administers the charity and meets at least quarterly with further meetings as required. All members of the Committee are trustees of the charity and have control of its property and funds.

FOSMAS' trustees bring a variety of skills to the board including financial, communications, administration, and events and charity management. All Trustees are encouraged to keep up to date with the role and responsibility of a trustee. Nominations for election to the Committee may be made by any charity member with the consent of the nominee. The formal election process takes place at the AGM where decisions are taken by simple majority.

Trustees

The Trustees presented their annual report and unaudited accounts for the year ending 31st August 2020 at the AGM held on 25th May 2021. FOSMAS elected its committee members as listed below:

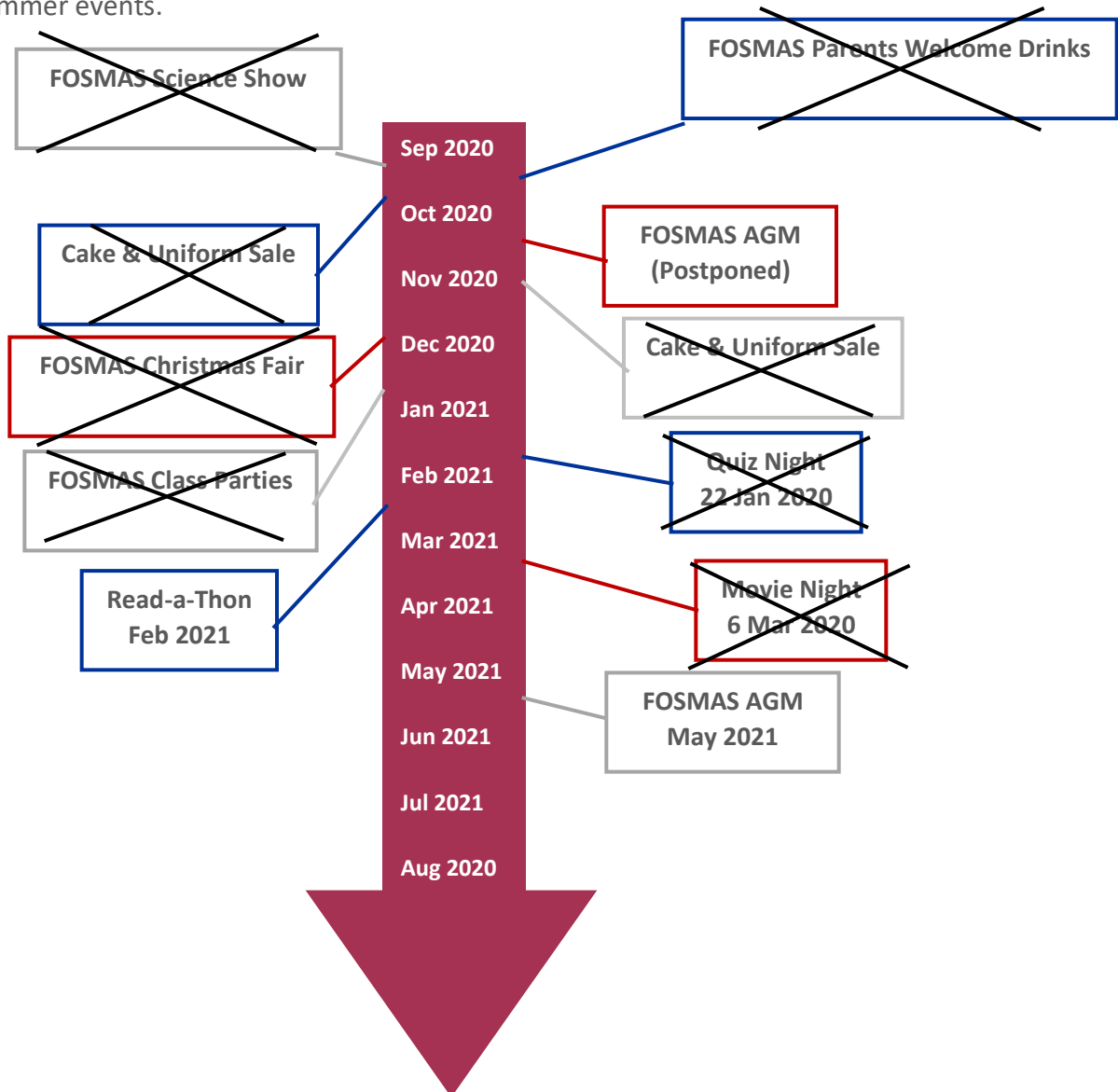
FOSMAS Committee (elected in May 2021)

Nicholas Kyprios (C)	Marina Lussich (co C)*	Tom Wegelius (T)
Wouter Van Aken (co T)	Sandra Vasquez (S)	Thea Lenborg
Christian Herrmann*	Hala Nasrallah	Alex Jueguen
Maarten Ooms	Julia Augustii (Co)	Patrick Flynn (Co)
Ioana Bozan (Co)		

Note: C - Chair, T - Treasurer, S - Secretary, Co - Co-opted member, * no longer FOSMAS members.

Activities

As the school’s dedicated charity and Parents Teachers Association (PTA), FOSMAS plays a crucial role in organising activities and events to foster relations between the school’s staff, parents, pupils and Governors. A key part of FOSMAS’ role is to raise funds for educational materials and equipment for our children to have the best education and learning environment where to thrive. To achieve this, FOSMAS organises several events and activities throughout the year. However, given Covid-19, we were not able to hold events for a significant part of the school year missing a few of our popular Summer events.



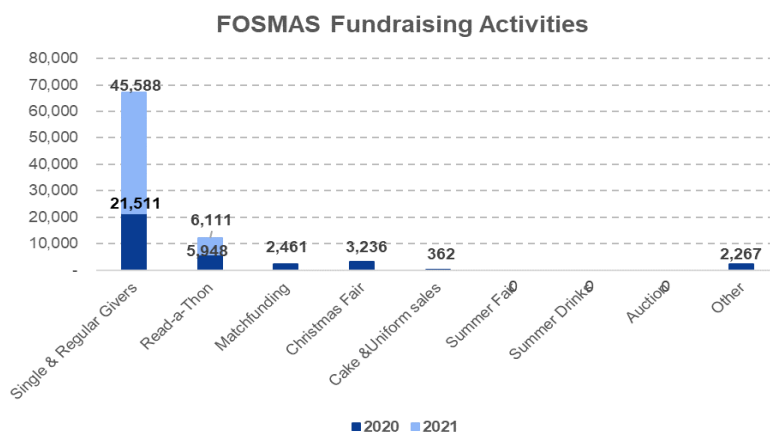
¹ The Constitution can be downloaded from our website: <http://www.fosmas.info/constitution.html>

Annual Review

As mentioned before, most of our annual events had to be cancelled given Covid. However, we launched a major fundraising initiative via the School Vision during the 2020-2021 school year. We have kept parents up-to-date via newsletters and emails where we publicise upcoming events, communicate our fundraising targets and progress, and report on FOSMAS initiatives. We have also continued to work closely with the **Class Reps** to pass on FOSMAS news to all parents, and “School Comms” email to parents act as additional reminders.

2020/21 was an extremely challenging year for everyone at the school with a health emergency being declared nationwide due to the pandemic. Thanks must go to **Mr Primrose**, for leading our school through this unprecedented time and supporting the children, parents, and staff.

Overall, FOSMAS raised c. £51.7K (net of costs) which represents an **amazing increase of 44.5% from the previous school year**. This is mostly explained by a **significant increase in single & regular donations** as part of the School Vision fundraising initiative. All other fundraising efforts, except for the Read-a-Thon, were halted as we all tried to deal with the new set of rules, including home-schooling.



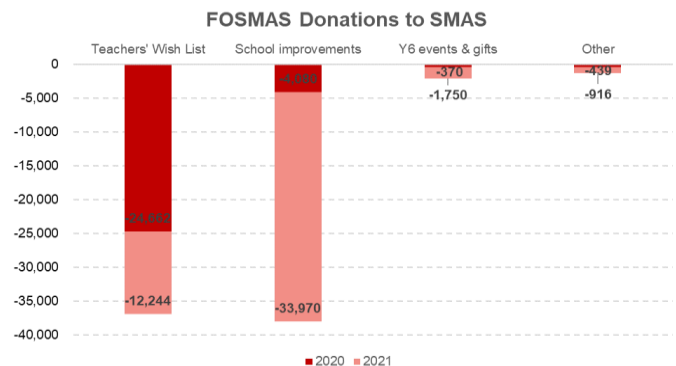
As in previous years, Single & Regular Givers represented the biggest source of income (88.2%). This highlights how crucial **your donations** are to FOSMAS and, ultimately, the school as they are the **most reliable funding source**.

Thank you so much to all the families who made this possible. We believe that by encouraging open communication among FOSMAS’ members, setting clear fundraising targets, and delivering tangible results, we can do so much more.

Regular donations are particularly important as they provide a more stable source of income which allows the school to plan future investments accordingly. Looking at the events, the Read-a-Thon was our only fundraiser, representing around 12% of our annual income (vs. 17% in the previous year).

This year’s Wish List represented 25% of the total money donated to the school and included our usual subscriptions, as well as the new upgrades like Read, Write Inc phonics resources, Singapore Maths and Math No Problem.

School improvements included a major IT upgrade which all our children are benefiting from.



Thank You and Farewells

The end of the Summer term saw a number of families leave the school. They have been major supporters of FOSMAS and we thank them for their huge contribution to the school over the years.

Marina Lussich stepped down from the Committee as FOSMAS co-Chair in Jul 2021. We would like to thank her for her hard work and support throughout the years.

We would like to thank all the **parents** and **school staff** who worked tirelessly this year promoting fundraising and donating generously to FOSMAS. Thank you to our **fund-matching champions** and our beloved **FOSMAS army**, these groups of parents have been especially involved and have consistently supported the school. A very special thank you goes to our **Class Reps, and Gergana Panderova**, a school mother who kindly assisted in the auditing of our annual accounts.

Thank you to **David Tyne-Sablon**, who provided endless support and made sure that everything ran smoothly at school. Finally, we would like to thank **Mr Primrose, the School Governors, Mother Emma, and the PCC of St Mary Abbots Church** for all their help and support throughout the past year.

Appendix 1

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Balance		
Carried forward start of year	Balance Sheet	101,502.25
Income - Donations		
INC: Donation	Income	35,909.42
INC: Donation (restricted use)	Income	0.00
INC: Monthly donation	Income	15,789.57
Income - Activities / fundraising		
INC: Event - Christmas Fair	Income	0.00
INC: Event - Christmas DVD	Income	0.00
INC: Event - Christmas y6 carol singing	Income	0.00
INC: Event - Quiz Night	Income	0.00
INC: Event - Christmas Cards	Income	0.00
INC: Event - Read-a-thon	Income	0.00
INC: Event - Cake, uniform and book sales	Income	0.00
INC: Event - Film Night (Dumbo)	Income	0.00
INC: Event - Ms Doyle leaving present	Income	0.00
Income - other sources		
INC: Matchfunding	Income	0.00
INC: Bank - Interest and Fees	Income	7.90
INC: Other	Income	0.00
Expenses - Donations		
EXP: to SMAS - Teachers Christmas Gifts	Expense	0.00
EXP: to SMAS - Christmas Parties	Expense	0.00
EXP: to SMAS - School Trips	Expense	0.00
EXP: to SMAS - New Parents Drinks	Expense	0.00
EXP: to SMAS - Film Night (Dumbo)	Expense	0.00
EXP: to SMAS - Science Day	Expense	0.00
EXP: to SMAS - Teachers' Wish List	Expense	(50,083.28)
EXP: to SMAS - World Book Day photo	Expense	0.00
EXP: to SMAS - Y6 leaving party 2019	Expense	0.00
EXP: to SMAS - Y6 & Ms Keck leaving party	Expense	0.00
Expenses - Activities / Fundraising		
EXP: Event - Christmas Fair	Expense	0.00
EXP: Event - Christmas DVD	Expense	0.00
EXP: Event - Christmas y6 carol singing	Expense	0.00
EXP: Event - Quiz Night	Expense	0.00
EXP: Event - Christmas Cards	Expense	0.00
EXP: Event - Read-a-thon	Expense	(596.24)
EXP: Event - Cake, uniform and book sales	Expense	0.00
EXP: Event - Ms Doyle leaving present	Expense	0.00
Expenses - Other		
EXP: SG&A	Expense	(3,130.04)
EXP: Bank - Interest and Fees	Expense	(216.00)