



Annual Report Friends of St Mary Abbots School

Year ending Aug 31st 2022

Report and Financial Statements (Unaudited)



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FOSMAS Chair

Welcome to the Friends of St Mary Abbots School (FOSMAS) 2021-2022 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, at the same time it was remarkably successful.

We continue to live in a rapidly changing and dynamic world. St. Mary Abbots School (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; but also, 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.

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. As restrictions were lifted, we were able to enjoy a late Summer Fair in the Vicarage Garden which 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 also held other events, including Read-A-Thon, parents Quiz Night, KS2 Movie Night, and of course the Summer Fair for this school year.

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 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

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 28th February 2022.

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.
3. Support the Governing Body in the most efficient way and in accordance with the process set in our Constitution document.

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 2021 at the AGM held on 28th February 2022. FOSMAS elected its committee members as listed below:

FOSMAS Committee (elected in Feb 2022)

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

- **Sep 2021** - FOSMAS Summer Fair (postponed in the previous year due to Covid-19),
- **Oct 2021** – Science Night with the Royal Institution,
- **Dec 2021** - FOSMAS Christmas Fair,
- **Feb 2022** – FOSMAS AGM,
- **Mar 2022** - KS2 Movie Night,
- **Apr 2022** - Quiz Night,
- **Jun 2022** – FOSMAS Parents Drinks,
- **Jul 2022** – FOSMAS Summer Fair

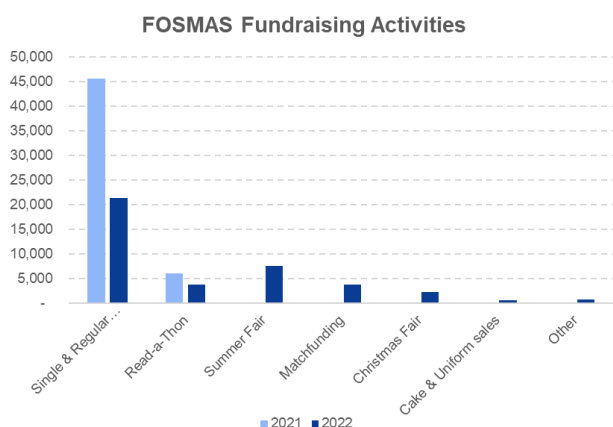


Annual Review

This school year we were able to hold again many of the school events. 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.

2021/22 was an extremely challenging year for everyone at the school with the world recovering from the pandemic and with Russia launching a military action in Ukraine early in 2022. The subsequent spike in inflation and cost of living crisis affected school budgets, as well as the school community in general. 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. £34K (net of costs) which represented a **decrease of 35% from the previous school year** when we launched our School Vision campaign. This is mostly explained by a **significant decrease in single & regular donations** which increased last year as part of the School Vision fundraising initiative. However, we were able to hold all our events.



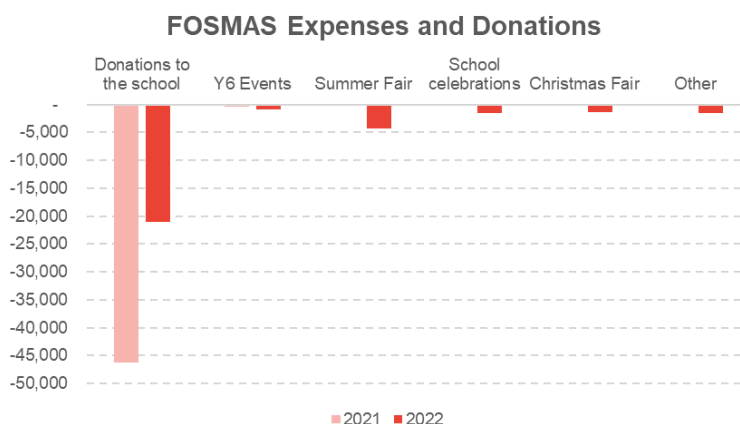
As in previous years, Single & Regular Givers represented the biggest source of income (53%). This highlights how crucial **your donations** are to FOSMAS and, ultimately, the school as they are the **most reliable funding source**.

Thank you so much to all the families who made this possible. We believe that by encouraging open communication among the school community, 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.

This year’s donation to the school represented 68.5% of the total expenses and included our usual subscriptions, as well as the curriculum upgrades recurring expenses like Read, Write Inc phonics resources, Singapore Maths, Forest School, among others.

If we want to benefit from these upgrades, we will need to fund the annual costs through donations.



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.

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

	[+ / - selection in formulas]	Actual Total
Balance		
Carried forward start of year	Balance Sheet	99,183.58
Income - Donations		
INC: Donation	Income	10,445.17
INC: Donation (restricted use)	Income	0.00
INC: Monthly donation	Income	11,005.00
Income - Activities / fundraising		
INC: Event - Summer Fair - 2021	Income	3,433.02
INC: Event - Summer Fair - 2022	Income	4,199.72
INC: Event - Christmas Fair	Income	2,281.95
INC: Event - Christmas DVD	Income	0.00
INC: Event - Cake Sale	Income	628.24
INC: Event - Christmas y6 carol singing	Income	0.00
INC: Event - Quiz Night	Income	73.00
INC: Event - Christmas Cards	Income	0.00
INC: Event - Read-a-thon	Income	3,848.00
INC: Event - Cake, uniform and book sales	Income	0.00
INC: Event - KS2 Movie Night	Income	688.16
INC: Event - Ms Doyle leaving present	Income	0.00
Income - other sources		
INC: Matchfunding	Income	3,800.00
INC: Bank - Interest and Fees	Income	32.47
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	(372.90)
EXP: to SMAS - End of Year party	Expense	(133.20)
EXP: to SMAS - Love Day	Expense	(740.96)
EXP: to SMAS - Teachers' Wish List - upgrade	Expense	0.00
EXP: to SMAS - Teachers' Wish List	Expense	(21,000.00)
EXP: to SMAS - World Book Day photo	Expense	(109.00)
EXP: to SMAS - Sports day	Expense	(73.40)
EXP: to SMAS - Jubilee parties	Expense	(178.50)
EXP: to SMAS - Y6 leaving party	Expense	(945.00)
EXP: to SMAS - Royal Institution Science Day	Expense	(960.00)
Expenses - Activities / Fundraising		
EXP: Event - Summer Fair - 2021	Expense	(1,900.39)
EXP: Event - Summer Fair - 2022	Expense	(2,396.78)
EXP: Event - Christmas Fair	Expense	(1,347.34)
EXP: Event - Christmas DVD	Expense	0.00
EXP: Event - Christmas y6 carol singing	Expense	0.00
EXP: Event - Quiz Night	Expense	(15.40)
EXP: Event - Christmas Cards	Expense	0.00
EXP: Event - Read-a-thon	Expense	(384.98)
EXP: Event - Cake, uniform and book sales	Expense	0.00
EXP: Event - KS2 Movie Night	Expense	(326.00)
Expenses - Other		
EXP: SG&A	Expense	(116.00)
EXP: Bank - Interest and Fees	Expense	(626.06)