

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1st September 2019 To 31st August 2020

Reference and Administration details

Charity name BURHILL COUNTY FIRST SCHOOL PARENT
TEACHER ASSOCIATION

Other name used FRIENDS OF BURHILL SCHOOL (FoBS)

Address: Burhill Community School, Pleasant Place, Hersham, Surrey, KT12 4HQ

Charity registration number: 285685

Names of Trustees The advisor of the continuous and the same of th

Trustee Name Office
Rhiannon Flury Chair
Donna Gray Vice Chair

Julia Roberts Co-Treasurer
Cat Bennett Co-Treasurer
Heather Jones Secretary

Structure, Governance, Management

Type of Governing Document – CONSTITUTION ADOPTED 2nd APRIL 1982

How the charity is constituted – All parents/ primary carers of pupils at Burhill Primary School are automatically members of the PTA although they are not all active members. This also applies to staff at the school

Members of the board of trustees are elected at the AGM by those present or at the regular monthly FoBS meeting.

Additional Governance issues

All trustees undergo a DBS check which is kept up to date regularly. We are members of PTA UK.

Objectives and Activities

Our objectives reflect the ethos of the school.

Burhill County PTA (FoBS) aims to raise money during the school year to fund projects to enhance the learning experience of both the children in attendance at the school as a whole but also to meet the specific needs of individual pupils.

We consider the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when setting our own objectives and planning our activities.

We typically have a regular fundraiser in the year, notably, a fireworks night open to the public.

This year we also held a successful Quiz and Christmas Fair. These events aim to raise money but also provide a memorable experience for the children who attend. We aim to provide a supportive community for all the families at Burhill and our local community.

The trustees co-ordinate many of the fundraisers themselves but they also rely largely on volunteers made up of parents and carers of children at the school to support the fundraising events.

Achievements and Performance

This year was an exceptional year due to the school closing down in March 2020 and with the threat of Covid-19 many of our usual fundraisers did not go ahead. Moreover, we didn't have the usual expenses we would expect, Easter, Sports Day, the Summer Fair did not go ahead.

However, with the money we raised at our successful Fireworks night and Christmas Fair we were able to support the changing needs of the school as they arose.

Teachers seek to provide special learning opportunities for the children. Although many did not go ahead this year as the school closed prematurely, we provided Christmas presents for each

child, as well as a visit from reindeer for KS1. Every year each class teacher has a £100 budget to spend on treats for their class. These may be games, books or toys as appropriate.

The exceptional circumstances of 2020 meant there were many needs of the school we could not have foreseen. FoBS has financially supported the school to accommodate the change in priorities. Teachers put together Home Learning packs for the summer holidays and FoBS was able to support this project financially as well as source many of the resources. FoBS have also invested in a Mobile Library enabling children to continue to access the school's library when they return with a special quarantine for the books. In addition, the parent community voted that FoBS should support a Teacher Appreciation Party, as an exception. It was arranged and organised by the school Chair of Governors, Elisabeth Carson, and attended by school staff and governors.

Financial Review

From September 2019- August 2020 we have made a profit of £12,230. As described, much of this is owing to the school closing in March. We also wrote off accruals of £6,500 that had been put aside in 2017, for outdoor changing rooms, for which the school management team had been unsuccessful in receiving planning permission, a playground upgrade that has been delayed due to the Coronavirus and history books that did not materialise.

Our closing cash balance is £36,574.

Our net assets stand at £36,865— this allows us to cover any upfront costs — deposits to be paid for future events as well as cover any further costs as they arise, any unforeseen requirements owing to Covid-19 for example. We anticipate many of our usual fundraisers, fireworks, Christmas fair, will be unable to go ahead in the following year and this balance allows us to cover the usual projects, resources we would wish to support.

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees. Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees.

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