



Friends of St Katharine's (FSK) Welcome Letter Summer 2021

Friends of St Katherine's (FSK) is the name of our Parent Teacher Association and is a registered charity. We are a gathering of parents, carers, family, friends and staff who are committed to planning activities and fundraising in support of the school and its children.

As well as the important job of raising additional funds for the school, FSK ensures that our fundraising events provide an opportunity for parents, carers, family, friends, staff, children and the wider community to get together and have fun!

Over recent years FSK have raised funds that have assisted the school in purchasing new classroom furniture, cloakroom lockers, a playground climbing structure, theatre lighting for the school hall, iPads, gymnastic mats and new reading books. We aim to continue to support the school in purchasing additional resources which assist children in their learning and provide an enriching school environment.

Who are we?

FSK has a central committee (made up of volunteer parents) which consists of Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer and Marketing member. The FSK committee currently consists of:



Naomi Charlton
Chair



Jo Water
Vice Chair



Steph Joynes
Treasurer



Lucy Hall
Secretary



Donna Garner
Marketing

Why get involved with FSK?



From each class we request one or two parents to come forward to be a FSK Champion for a minimum term of one academic year. FSK Champions provide the main communication link between the FSK committee and parents and attempt to seek out realistic solutions to points raised at the forum. This will often include seeking parent and carer involvement to attend and support the running of FSK events (mainly the Summer Fair and annual Firework Display).

FSK Champions will be expected to attend as many FSK meetings as possible to ensure they have the information and tools to communicate with their represented parents and carers. However, we appreciate attending meetings can be difficult therefore we mainly communicate via a Facebook group and/or email.

Fundraising events ran by FSK (subject to COVID restrictions)

Throughout the academic year FSK run a variety of events including:

Cake sales – Once a year each school year is asked to donate cakes to sell after school in the playground. You will see posters advertising cake sales around the school leading up to a cake sale.

Discos – FSK aim to run two school discos each academic year for children. The Autumn disco is for Year 1 to Year 6 children and the Spring disco is for Early Years to Year 6. Discos are held in the school hall and we appreciate the support of a small number of parents/ carers in volunteering to serve refreshments during their child's disco.

Family Fabulous Fireworks (November) – This is a popular community event which is organised by FSK. Each year we aim to organise entertainment, a BBQ, refreshments and a great firework finale. Closer to the time FSK will request parent and carer involvement through volunteering to serve refreshments or sell tickets on the gate.

Summer Fair (June/ July) – A fun annual event primarily for the children of the school and their families but also open to the wider community. Each year FSK try to theme the event and it provides a great opportunity to be entertained by the different music/ dance/ drama groups at the school in addition to each class/ year running a variety of stalls. To ensure a fun and successful event, parent and carer involvement is requested in selling raffle tickets prior to the event, providing donations as prizes and volunteering a short amount of time to help run your child's stall with the support of other parents and FSK Champion.

Other adhoc fundraising events – Over the years FSK have organised and ran other fundraising initiatives including "Grow a Pound", sponsored fitness challenges, a virtual balloon race, Easter tombola and online auctions. We like to keep things varied and will work with the staff at the school to ensure any fundraising initiatives fit in with the operations of the school whilst respecting the responsibilities placed on staff. As you can see from the above, to make these events successful parent/ carer volunteers are essential and very much appreciated.



Shop on Amazon? Raise money for the school without it costing you a penny

Whilst it is important to support our local high street, as a charity FSK are part of Amazon's Smile programme which means every time you shop at www.smile.amazon.co.uk, Amazon will donate 0.5% of your eligible purchases to FSK at no cost to you. You still get the same products and prices as www.amazon.co.uk.

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3. Select **Friends of St Katharine's School** as your charity
4. Follow the on-screen instructions to activate AmazonSmile in the mobile app

In the last 12 months Amazon have donated over £135 to FSK which is a fantastic result.



To keep up to date on all the latest news and information from FSK please like us on Facebook (Friends of St Katharine's School).

We look forward to seeing you in September

From the FSK Committee:

Naomi, Jo, Steph, Lucy & Donna