



# Birdsedge

## First School

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Dear Families

I have recently met with the existing members of the Friends of Birdsedge Group and have got to know very quickly, just what an important, valued and hard working group this is. Together they have brought so many enhancements and enrichments to school that otherwise would not have been possible.

I am really keen to support this group and feel that together we could achieve some amazing things for our children and ultimately ensure every child has access to a fulfilled time in school whilst at Birdsedge First. Presently, we have a number of members of the group stepping down from their role after a significant time supporting school. Firstly, for that we thank them immensely. Secondly, that does mean we have the main key roles in the group needing filling. I would also always want to welcome and encourage any more additional volunteers to the group. After all, together we are always stronger.

Inside this booklet you will find some further information, provided by the group, about the roles. Anyone interested in any of the roles outlined, should let me know in person, by phone or in an email. Please be assured I will always give full support to the group and do whatever I can to support any members in their role individually. If you could do this by Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> October, I will then send out correspondence to arrange an online meeting at a time most convenient to those interested to get things going.

May I take this opportunity, on behalf of the Birdsedge First School Community to thank this wonderful group for all they have done. I look forward to working with the group in the year ahead.

Mrs D Waddington



### **Chairperson**

I have loved being part of the FOB committee for the past seven years and supporting the school in a variety of fundraising events. My main duties as chair over the past year has been to oversee that meetings run smoothly and to ensure that there has be a calendar of events planned and taken place, collating everyone's ideas and supporting both the school and the FOB committee. Our main goal is to raise much needed funds that will support and enrich the learning opportunities of our children.

Samantha Wybrow

### **Secretary**

Hello, I have been in the role of secretary for friends of Birdsedge for about 4 or 5 years now. It has been a lovely role and takes up a couple of hours a month or half term depending what events are running. One of the main duties as secretary is taking the minutes at the meetings and then typing them up to forward on to the office. This is usually done the same evening or a day or so following the meeting. The other main role is creating and typing up letters/ posters to send out to advertise events that are coming up or information that needs to be passed onto parents. I do have the letters and posters from past events that could be forwarded on if needed. I am happy to meet to talk to anyone who is taking on the role.

Sarah Rhodes

### **Treasurer**

Hi my name is Cathy (Noah's mum), I have been treasurer for the Friends of Birdsedge Committee since my daughter Phoebe started in Reception over 8 years ago. I feel it is time to pass the role on now as Noah only has a few years left at Birdsedge. The role has changed slightly last year as the school has gone predominantly 'cash free', this has made the role easier so it isn't very time consuming. The main roles are to control the bank account, depositing any cash taken from events, authorising payments and communicating with school. I have found it a great way to get involved in the school and get to know the children and parents.

Cathy Sykes

### **Volunteer/Deputy Chair**

Friends of Birdsedge is a fantastic group, that organise events and activities for the children to enjoy, while raising much needed funds to help provide the little luxuries school simply can't afford.

Liz Stead

### **Volunteer**

I was new last year to FOB with Seth joining school half way through the year previous. I found out by reading the school's information pack.

I have enjoyed meeting parents and becoming friends within the small village. Basically I help with the organisation and look out for bargains for presents and food that is needed for whichever event is taking place.

Tracy Metcalfe

### **Volunteer**

Personally I joined FOB in September 2018 when my daughter Grace started Birdsedge First School and have been active throughout albeit in a supportive rather than appointed key role. I am a keen participant and attend the majority of meetings and FOB events, work permitting. These occur at the start of a school year for the AGM and to discuss and agree broadly the events for the forthcoming year. Meetings are then planned prior to the key events to arrange the specifics involved and who will support in what capacity. The whole purpose of FOB is to raise money to enhance our children's school experience whilst at Birdsedge, both in respect of their participation at the many events throughout the year and through these events raising money in order for the school to spend as required in order to enhance our children's learning experience; new laptops, additional books, improvement both internally and externally, and school trips etc. It would be wonderful to have new members on board to bring new ideas and enthusiasm. There is no commitment to attend all events, simply fit your involvement around your family and career. Seeing the smiles on the children's faces whilst enjoying themselves is thanks in itself, it is so rewarding and fun. Meetings can be scheduled around new joiners calendars. We very much look forward to new parents joining FOB, it's fun and without FOB our children will miss out on many fantastic school social events and the financial support which enables Birdsedge to enhance our children's learning experience.

Julie Peace

### **Volunteer**

I have been a volunteer with FOB for about a year and a half. I joined whilst I was on maternity leave with my youngest. I have attended meetings as and when they have occurred and contributed to discussions about future fundraising events. I have also helped at such events either working on stalls, helping at Mother and Father's Day gift shops and helped to prep food for fayres etc.

Claire Roddis



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