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Dear parents and carers,

Thank you to all who came to the AGM this week and put forward ideas. We now have a new committee and hope to share our plans and ideas with you soon. For those who don't know us, FOBS is the Parent/Teacher association at Bealings School. We support the children and teachers to access educational facilities that are no longer possible within the school budget, which sadly gets tighter each year, through various fundraising activities within the school and wider community. Every parent or carer is a member of FOBS and is very welcome to attend meetings and get involved.

Our wonderful Chair and Secretary from last year, Annie and Claire, both stepped down after a fabulous year, though they remain part of the FOBS team. They dedicated so much time and energy to last year's fundraising, the highlights being a fantastic New Year Disco and Summer Fete. Our incredible fundraising member Helena also left the school this summer and will be greatly missed. She was the backbone of fundraising for FOBS for the last eight years and we'd love to thank all three for their hard work.

Our new committee for 2023/24 is as follows:

Chair – Alice Hobday

Vice Chair – Anna Harris-Noble

Treasurer – Harriet Attle

Secretary – Heather Chandler

Fundraiser – Barbara Brennan

We meet once a term as a committee, with a teacher and governor representative – keep an eye out for the date of the first in the coming weeks (we'll post all dates on the school calendar as well as via ParentMail). As mentioned in our previous email, we hope to help the school as much this year with our time as well as financially and would love to see many of you and our children involved.

We've also decided that it's about time FOBS had a nickname, to make it a little more child friendly. The name Dragonflies was suggested, which we love. It ties in with the dragonfly in our school logo, as well as our splendid dragon in the playground. We'll put it to the children to gauge their thoughts and if you have any other suggestions, please let us know. We're always open to new ideas!

We'll keep you updated via ParentMail, but we also use WhatsApp to plan meetings and activities. If you'd like to be added to the group, or have any questions, please email our secretary [heatherchandler@btinternet.com](mailto:heatherchandler@btinternet.com). Thank you all for your support last year and we look forward to planning some fun events for this year, while enriching our children's educational experience.

Our first meeting will be before half term – date TBC – and we have a very exciting event coming up in November. Watch this space!

Best wishes,

The FOBS Committee

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