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A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

Dear Parents and Carers,

Despite circumstances being against us due to the pandemic, we have had an amazingly successful year. We've raised record amounts through generous donations and grant funding, and made significant contributions to the school for important items that benefit children across all age groups.

We have improved our infrastructure in the form of a new [website](#), [online shop](#) with secure payment system, and a card reader to enable more hygienic payments at in-person events. New fundraising activities include a weekly [Larkrise Lottery](#), continued recruitment for [Amazon Smile and EasyFundraising](#) that give free commissions to Larkrise supporters for online purchase. The three Volunteer Days jointly run by the school and FoL have been well attended and incredibly successful, both in getting jobs done around the school and bringing our community together after the lengthy winter lockdown.

After the break, we will be hosting a welcome event (with food/drink stall) on Friday 17 September for parents to meet and catch up before the FoL Annual General Meeting (AGM) on Wednesday 22 September, where we will elect the FoL committee for the year.

Thank you again for your incredible support in what is my final year as Chair. Have a fantastic Summer break, and see you in September!

Naomi Douglas
Chair, FoL Committee 2020-2021
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CALENDAR

TERM 1A

Welcome Event (with cafe stall)	Friday 17 Sep 2021
Annual General Meeting	Wednesday 22 Sep 2021
Volunteer Day	Date to be confirmed
Jumble Sale	Date to be confirmed
Halloween Event	Date to be confirmed
Larkrise lottery draws	Each Saturday, 8pm

CONTACT US

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FUNDRAISING UPDATE

Despite not being able to run our usual schedule of events due to COVID, we have had an exceptionally successful fundraising year, made possible by many generous donations and grants, and running events when able.

A huge thank you to all the **external donors** and parents who have so generously donated to the school this year.

- £30,000+ for an outdoor hall through parent donations (with Gift Aid) and matched funding from the £1m Coronavirus Fund that was funded by the UK Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS);
- £2,000 from the **D L M Charitable Trust** for the outdoor hall;
- £1,400 from parent donations to the School Gardening Appeal;
- £1,000 from the **Stanton Ballard Trust** for outdoor redevelopment;
- £500 from the **Doris Field Charitable Trust** for the outdoor hall;
- £500 for school gardening equipment from the **Magic Little Grants programme**;
- £380 from the Online Monster Mash Halloween Party;
- £300 from the **British Science Assoc** to support British Science Week activities;
- £300+ from parent donations to the Sports Equipment Appeal
- £250 from commissions from Amazon Smile, EasyFundraising and the Larkrise Lottery;
- £250 from the first bake sale;
- £140 from the doughnut sale;
- £135 from **Hannah Bironzo and Sandra Ruge's** online cooking workshop;
- £30 for Easter chocolate from **Tesco Superstore**;
- plus regular parent donations through localgiving;
- ... totalling over £37,000

Please note these are approximate values and accurate figures will be presented at the AGM on 22 Sep 2021.

FUNDING UPDATE

Over the past year, FoL has funded:

- £30,000+ for the new outdoor hall;
- £14,367 for BAME representation picture books (£527), visualisers for each classroom (£1,320), Bug Club online reading project (£1,487), core/spine texts (£8,000) and additional reading scheme books (£3,033);
- £3,700 towards the library refurbishment;
- £2,000 top-up towards the outdoor hall;
- £400 for a visiting puppet show for all year groups in December 2020;
- £300 for British Science Week supplies;
- £130 for Easter chocolate;
- ... and more
- ... totalling over £50,000, with funds for authorised projects transferred to the school when receipts are received.

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PROJECT UPDATES

Outdoor Hall

The outdoor hall was completed in early May, and has been in regular use for class and year group gatherings. Thank you again to all our generous donors.

School Gardening

Shortages of building supplies across the country meant the untreated wooden sleepers did not arrive until last week. These were treated with a food-growing safe wood oil yesterday, ready for assembly and use in the new school year.



Library Refurbishment

In addition to the normal usage during school hours, we hope to open the library one per week after school from September with the help of parent volunteers. Watch this space!

HOW YOU CAN HELP



- Donate to the [Larkrise Sports Equipment Appeal](#) (last day Mon 26 July 2021)
- Sign up to the [FoL Volunteer Register](#). Filling in the form does not commit you to anything at this stage. We are asking all Larkrise parents to fill in this form so we can improve communication.
- Join the [Larkrise Lottery](#), drawn each Saturday at 8pm. Tickets are £1, there is a cash prize each week for a Larkrise ticket each week, and a percentage goes to FoL to support the school.
- [Sign up to Amazon Smile and EasyFundraising](#). If you sign up to these programmes and nominate Friends of Larkrise (Oxford), each time you purchase something at an eligible shop, FoL receives a small commission for FREE.
- Join the committee in September!

JOIN THE FOL COMMITTEE



On Wednesday 22 September 2021, an AGM will be held to elect the FoL Committee:

- Chair (stepping down Sep 2021)
- Treasurer
- Secretary

and sub-committees lead by the:

- Communications Officer (currently vacant)
- Grant Fundraising Coordinator
- Volunteer Coordinator (currently vacant)

Serving on the sub-/committee is a great way to organise events that bring our community together while also raising funds that make a real difference to the school.

All positions are open for nominations, but we are particularly anxious to hear from people interested in the position of Chair and the two currently vacant positions.

If you would like more information, please read the [Job Descriptions](#) and contact chairFOL@larkriseprimary.org or any of the other sub-/committee members for more information.