



## **FRIENDS OF BEXTON SCHOOL (FOBS)**

**“Together we can make a difference”**

Friends of Bexton School (FOBS) has changed to reflect our changing school community. We care deeply about our children, our school and our families. It only works if people get involved and volunteer. Read on to find out how you can help.

### **FAQs:**

#### *How can FOBS help me?*

Meet lots of other parents from across your child’s year group, and the whole school, by volunteering together. You’ll also meet lots of the teachers, who do lots to help with events. We aim to involve as many parents as possible, and this is a really important way to build a stronger school community. It makes our school more fun for the children and their families. The children usually love to see Mum and Dad getting involved with their school to help. They’ll be proud of you! If you are new to the school, hopefully we can also help introduce you to new families and help orientate you.

#### *How can I help?*

Your FOBS reps would love to hear from you if you are interested in getting involved or have any useful contacts or fundraising ideas. We organise it so that each year group runs an event, to share the work, commitment and fun. If everyone helps, even in a small way, it makes a huge difference! Whether you can spare 30 minutes to help at an event, contribute some ideas or resources, or organise an event yourself with friends. We welcome more diversity and would love to hear from mums, dads, grandparents, extended family and friends.

#### *Who is the FOBS Rep for my year group? How do I get in touch?*

This year, a new FOBS rep has been appointed to each year group:

Nursery - Kristina Gol

Reception - Sarah Stafford

Year 1 - Katy Collins

Year 2 - Anne Hughes

Year 3 - Orla Flannery

Year 4 - Katy Horrocks

Year 5 - Jane Johnson

Year 6 - Vacancy

Their role is to keep the parents informed about upcoming FOBS events via the parents' WhatsApp groups. They may also request volunteers, but the reps themselves will not necessarily be in charge of organising the events.

You can contact your Year Group Rep by emailing [admin@bexton.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:admin@bexton.cheshire.sch.uk) with your name, year group and contact details. Or message your Rep directly via your year group WhatsApp group. If you're not already on the WhatsApp group and would like to be, let us know and we'll add you.

#### *What is "FOBS"?*

Friends of Bexton was formally the name of the parent teachers association at our school. Since [2020], FOBS is no longer a separate entity and we do not have a PTA style committee. Instead, FOBS refers to any parents, teachers and friends of the school who fundraise on behalf of the school. The school is a registered charity.

#### *What is the purpose of FOBS?*

Our purpose is to raise additional money for school, support our teachers in providing fun and meaningful experiences for our children and to encourage families to get together and enjoy being part of the Bexton community.

#### *What is the money raised by FOBS being used for?*

These funds are critical to pay for "additional extras" that the school wouldn't normally be able to afford. Last year, FOBS raised £10,164.69. For example, last year FOBS paid for the new outdoor canopies outside the classroom doors, a new sound system for the hall & road signs to protect the children outside the school grounds.

#### *How is FOBS organised?*

All parents and friends of the school are invited to attend a FOBS planning meeting in September each year to get ideas for fundraising and social events. The events will be run by volunteer parents from different year groups, to share out the organisation. As we have up to 60 families per year group, this is a great opportunity for volunteers to meet other parents and for new parents to get involved.

As the Bexton motto goes: "Together we can make a difference"