

FRIENDS OF ST MARYS (FOSM) Summer 2017 Newsletter

With only a few weeks left of term, we thought it would be a good idea to introduce the new FOSM committee:

Vicky Hern. Mum to Anna (7) & Eleanor (4)

Jo Stacy. Mum to Imogen (7), Georgia (5) & Noah (1)

Jen Hunt. Mum to Ethan (6) & Summer (4)

Tori Rozputunski. Mum to Jonah (9), Oscar (7) & Tobi (3)

Louise Dunne. Mum to Fionan (15), Seamus (14), Cormaic (10) & Ronan (8)

Nuala Edwards. Mum to Carys (9) & Adam (7)

Admittedly, committing to FOSM was not a decision any of us took lightly. Like all parents of St Mary's, we are busy with family & work and squeezing in another responsibility was not high on our agendas. However we couldn't bear to see FOSM close and for the events that our kids enjoy so much to stop. Not to mention the essential funds these events raise for the school.

As a parent of the school, everyone is automatically a member of FOSM with a duty to help in some way. We have no plans to revolutionize the way FOSM works or fill up your calendars with weekly events but just to keep this wonderful parents association ticking along for everyone to enjoy & benefit from.

Whilst we're happy to plan & oversee, we cannot run every event single handedly. FOSM cannot exist without your help. Many hands really do make light work.

We have a FOSM email account **fosmhub@gmail.com**. Please email us to register your interest to help with a future event. Our plan is to email all our volunteers prior to each event to see who would be able to help with specific tasks. Just helping with one event per year would be a huge help. We really don't want to have to rely upon the same small group of parents each time.

If you have a good fundraising activity that you would like us to explore then please do get in touch. Grab one of us in the playground or email us at **fosmhub@gmail.com**. We welcome all ideas & suggestions.

If you haven't already, please join the school's Facebook Page (*St Mary's Catholic School- Maidenhead*) as this will be a good way for us to keep in touch.

Whilst not all events are about the money, fundraising is an important aspect of FOSM. We think it's important to keep you informed about the money raised by FOSM and what the money will be spent on. The school commit to ensuring that FOSM funds are not absorbed into building funds but are clearly spent on things that will directly benefit the children (e.g. PlayPod).

We plan to keep you updated on all FOSM activities via a termly newsletter as well as on the Facebook page.

Thank you for taking the time to read this and thank you in advance for getting in touch to register your offer to help.

The FOSM Committee