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## **Welcome to Seely Primary and Nursery 2017/18 from FRIENDS OF SEELY**

It's official - Friends of Seely (FoS) is one year old this year! We've had a fantastic year of events and have worked hard to enrich all of the children's primary school experiences. We'd like to welcome you to Seely Primary and Nursery School.

This year's Committee: Mary Parkes, Chair, Rachel Sweetland and Stuart Archer as Joint Secretaries, Karl Ponty, Treasurer and Tara Walker, Louise Henley, Kelly Hill, Cherie Harrison and Helen Burton. We are all approachable and aim to help you and your children feel welcomed into the new school environment. Contact us by email as above or via the School Office.

The FoS Aspirations are:

- To raise funds to enrich our children's primary school experience
- Enhance communication and celebrate the school's diversity
- Develop effective relationships between the children, staff and parents/carers

Events: From these aspirations a great group of over 70 members has grown. These amazing parents/carers helped put together some great events, which included:

- Christmas Fair
- FoS Family Film Night
- Cake Stalls
- FoS Family Disco
- Summer Festival

An incredible £1350 was raised at the Summer Festival and put together with all the other small and large events, we've raised over £1600. We have put our heads together to decide how best to use this money to achieve our aspirations. With the help of the children we are going to create a FoS Sensory Garden in the corner of the Key Stage 1 playground.

This year we'd like to build on these events by organising:

- School Christmas cards
- FoS Sensory Garden
- FoS Club: work in progress starting with Film Club but all ideas/help gratefully received

FoS Sensory Garden: This is going to be our biggest challenge yet and will need the help of lots of us with fundraising both internally and sourcing external grants etc. We will need skilled and unskilled work to create this area where the children can go and learn, find a quiet space, explore and enjoy.

Golden Shelves: The Head Teachers approached us for funds to create a Teacher's Golden Shelf within each class where each Teacher can put their favourite and inspirational books to foster the love of reading. This we have funded over the summer and the shelves will shortly be in operation.

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Your help: get involved with the events or just come and enjoy them. You don't have to be a committee member to help! We'd love you to get involved whether it is helping out on one or two events, baking a cake, using your incredible skills and/or building new ones. By growing our volunteers group you're not only getting to meet new people but also helping us enrich your children's primary school experience.

Please let us know your contact details with the form attached and what you'd like to offer FoS.

Let me personally again welcome you to Seely Primary and Nursery School and we all look forward to meeting you and your children at one of our many events or in the playground/classroom. Please don't hesitate to contact us on the email above.

Take care

Mary, Chair and the FoS Committee

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### **FRIENDS OF SEELY CONTACT FORM**

Please note by filling in this form you are NOT committing yourself to anything in relation to Friends of Seely. This is a way of keeping in touch with you about meetings, events and ways you can get involved.

Please fill in the form in CAPITAL letters. None of the information you provide will be shared with anyone else unless you give us permission to do so.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Child/Children's name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Child/Children's class(es): \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone number (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Please contact me about (tick all that apply):

- News of FoS events and meetings
- Helping out at events
- Running a stall at events
- Training or running a Parents workshop
- Planning events
- FoS Sensory Garden
- Help out with a FoS Club
- Do you run or work for a company that could help us?
- Grant/Funds finding skills
- Something else (please give details)
- Please tick if you DO NOT wish your contact details to be made available on a contact list which is distributed between members only for the purpose of contacting you directly in relation to the Friends of Seely work.

Thank you for filling in this form. We appreciate all the help and support you can offer. Please email [friendsofseely@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofseely@gmail.com) or hand it into the School Office.