

Dear Parents, Carers and Governors

Firstly may I say Happy New Year! I hope and trust you all had a wonderful Christmas holiday and are settling into the new term!

Secondly, as you all know, following the FOLVS AGM which was held in November last year, Hayley stepped down from the role of Chair and I am very pleased to say that I was voted in as the new Chair, so I thought that I would take this opportunity to introduce myself. No doubt you have seen me around school so this will give you all a face to the name.



So a little bit about myself - I moved to Bicester with my family in January last year from London but I am originally from Bicester so the decision to live here was not an unusual one given that we have family in the area. My son, Nathaniel, is currently in Reception so we are both newbies to the school scene. I was intending to only join FOLVS as a member to get to know more people in the area so when the role of Chair came up I was hesitant at first but I am always up for something new and this way I get to know even more people so as far as I see it, it's a win win!

The FOLVS team have already had a lot of success with their fundraising efforts so it is now my aim to not only match those efforts but increase them this year. Hopefully we will be able to provide some new ideas for events for the whole family to enjoy and I really do hope that you will all get behind us and support us in any way that you can. One way to help is by having a clear out at home of any unwanted clothes and items for a Bags 2 School event (please see letter attached).

The FOLVS boards around school will be updated in the next few weeks so you will have an opportunity to see who is on the committee and gather information from there. If you are wanting to get to know more people or like helping out at events, or perhaps you like planning events, you are more than welcome to join our monthly meetings which are held on the second Wednesday of every month (except for April due to the Easter holiday) at 8pm in School (please see full list of dates at the other side of this newsletter).

FOLVS also have a Facebook page which I know some of you are on already. It is a great way to keep up to date with events that are taking place and ask any questions that we are able to answer. However, if you have any complaints about the school, please may I ask you to refrain from using the FOLVS page to do this. We are primarily a page that provides parents with information about FOLVS events only.

May I also urge all parents to sign up to the School Life app which can be downloaded onto all phones and tablets. If you have not already downloaded it, please contact the School office and they will be able to give you the details. As it is a new app for the School, it is in the process of being updated but any current information can be found on there. It will also send out an alert to let you know of any information that you might need. These alerts are sent direct to the parents who are involved in any given activity, for example, gym club or football which means that some alerts won't be sent out to all parents. It is a great app and I really do recommend having it.

If you would like to contact me on any of the points above or you have any questions about FOLVS and fundraising my telephone number is 07810 005033 and email is sharonbetterton@outlook.com.

I look forward to seeing you all around school or at events very soon!

Sharon Betterton

PTA Meetings

Venue: School

Time: 8pm

11 January 2017

8 February 2017

8 March 2017

10 May 2017

14 June 2017

12 July 2017