Good morning to all from the FOSM chairs.

We have had another busy and productive year. We are very pleased with how everything has gone, we feel that we have provided many entertaining experiences for the students of the school, and have successfully fundraised throughout the year. We would like to extend our thanks to the parents and staff for their support with these events, and to parents and local businesses for all their generous donations. A particular thanks to the FOSM committee who volunteer their time and efforts with us at each event. We have found it harder this year to consistently meet volunteer requirements in order to offer everything that we would like, so we are particularly grateful to those of you who consistently show up for us. We are looking for new committee members to provide ongoing support and assistance. We would also like to very much thank the year six students, they have been immensely proactive throughout the year with fundraising for themselves at various events and also volunteering at the summer fete – we could not have run the games stalls without them.

We are delighted this year that we have achieved the instalment of the wooden play boat, we fundraised so intensely for this and it is very rewarding to see it in the playground being enjoyed by the children. We hope to see it being used for many years to come, as it is of such high and durable quality. We feel it is a wonderful addition to the other play equipment that the school has successfully secured grants for this past year.

We are also so pleased to have been able to pay for the pantomime again this year, which is always such a delight to see the children and the school as an entirety enjoy together.

Over the last school year, we have once again run and been involved with many fund raising events which we hope have provided a lot of fun memories for the children. During the Autumn term last year, members of FOSM volunteered at the village fireworks show, which was a lovely evening to be part of, and raised a small donation for our efforts. Our first event within the school was the Winter Warmer before Christmas. This was the first time that we have hosted this, and it received really positive attendance and feedback. It felt like a lovely, festive and comforting celebration with even a special visit from Father Christmas! We are considering running something similar again this year.

We also provided Christmas cards again in collaboration with Norfolk Print and Design. There was less of an uptake for those this time around, so we will be sending forms out earlier this year to allow more time for families to design and order these.

The rest of the festivities included the whole school pantomime trip which was absolutely wonderful as always, we are excited to do this again this year. We also had the Christmas disco which the children enjoyed very much, and the volunteers did too!

This February, we ran our first Valentines disco, in an effort to spread the events out a little throughout the year. This more themed disco was really popular with the children, the older years particularly really embraced the concept. We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to Andy for stepping in as DJ at the very last minute when we discovered that there was a problem with the original DJ booking. Thank you very much indeed!

At Easter we held a Bake Off competition, we hope that the children enjoyed this, we thought the creative and imaginative entries were absolutely fantastic. This ran into our Easter Fair, which was really busy and we received really good feedback for. We couldn't provide as many games as we hoped due to low volunteer numbers, but everything we were able to provide went down very well with the children and parents attending. This is the first year that we have sold raffle tickets in advance, and we feel that the extended opportunity to purchase these was received very well by families. Thank you to all businesses who donated and to everyone who bought tickets.

Throughout summer we held many mini sales after school of ice lollies and cakes. This helped to fundraise for our summer event, but more importantly felt like a lovely thing to be able to regularly offer children to create summer memories in the warm weather. This is something that we hope to provide again next year.

The main event of this school year for us has been the summer fete. We have spent dozens of hours organising everything behind the scenes and it was lovely to see all our efforts paid off in a well-enjoyed day by all. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped with this day, the teachers, the students, all our parents who came along to help too! We were so pleased with the stall holders who attended, with the games we were able to provide, the activities including football, archery, a bouncy castle. Thank you to all the entertainment, it was great to have the children involved through iRock and the Galaxy Twirlers, and the musical entertainment from Rockavox and Differential was wonderful. Thank you again to Andy and all the volunteers who set up the staging and various gazebos and stalls, and to everyone who helped pack everything away again at the end! Thank you also to the parents who stepped in last minute to fully run the barbecue for the entire day, you were absolute life savers! It was a fantastic day and we got great feedback from everyone who attended. This was the first time that we have undertaken the challenge to hold such a large community event, and we will use this success to develop and improve next time.

We held our traditional annual sponsored walk event soon after the fair. We were lucky with the weather again, and the children seemed to really enjoy the water aspect of the day - the teachers certainly enjoyed firing the water pistols at them! Parents seemed to have a good time supporting their children and we got good feedback regarding the range of refreshments we were able to offer. The timing of this falling after the summer event worked out well as a secondary event to use many leftover refreshments, and it

certainly was a fun day for the children. From a fundraising perspective the day was not as successful as those held in previous years which may be something that needs discussion.

We had some other first time events this year, one being a school movie morning with refreshments. This seems to have been successful with the children, we hope they enjoyed it very much. The second was our first school play, performed by the Year Six students. A huge well done to Mrs Madely for her hours of dedication to this show, and to all the students and their parents for the hours of time committed to costumes, scenery, music, lighting, rehearsals, everything that makes a successful show. Thank you also to the kitchen staff and volunteers who provided interval refreshments. The audience was completely packed, and everyone clearly had an amazing evening. We are so pleased to have been able to support this financially and with volunteers on the day of the event, and would be very pleased to be involved again.

The school year was rounded off nicely with a successful summer disco, it is always so nice to see how much all the children enjoy these.

We would like to extend thanks for all the donations that we have received throughout the last school year. Charles Chaplin and Roy's of Wroxham have generously donated to the gardening club which is still running successfully and enjoyed by many students. Thank you again to Andy for his time gifted to running this club.

Thank you to all local companies who have generously donated raffle prizes, and to parents who have donated to our tombola's with non-uniform day contributions.

Thank you also to Norfolk Print and Design for printing all raffle tickets and many posters throughout the year for us, it is very much appreciated indeed.

It has been another busy but wonderfully rewarding year. We hope that we have provided many lasting memories for the children. This year has mainly focussed our fundraising efforts on the large expenditure of the wooden barge and the pantomime trip, this coming year we look forward to investing in smaller projects for the school and of course into another year of successful activities! We welcome any ideas for events or how to invest our funds, and as always we are looking for new volunteers who would like to help out. Thank you again to everyone for your support and involvement.

Kind regards,

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