

Treasurer's report 1 April 2022 – 31 March 2023

Jason Hayward-Jones was treasurer during the first half of this financial year, with Susanna Housden taking over from 1 September 2022.

During this year, Friends of Stoke Gabriel School raised £7,177.12 and spent £6,793.16.

As of 31 March 2023, FOSS had £39,415.32 in its current account and £1,023.67 in its savings account.

 $\pm 32,271.60$ of this amount, are funds transferred from Stoke Gabriel Pre-school in the last financial year, when it joined Stoke Gabriel Primary School. These funds are legally ring-fenced for Early Years. Plans have been made to spend some of this on a new outdoor classroom for pre-school, which we hope will come into fruition in the financial year 1 April 2023 – 31 March 2024.

One of the biggest investments this financial year was a new shed on the playing field so that sports equipment could be kept close to where it is needed. The shed also houses all of FOSS' assets, so that any member of the committee can have access to them when needed – rather than being stored at committee members' houses. This has made running a variety of sports much easier for the school and has meant that admin time for FOSS events has been cut.

FOSS also funded the removal of old decking in the front playground, which was no longer being used and taking up precious space. The children now have a larger playground.

Another great project was the revival of the school's raised beds – a kitchen garden that allows children to learn about planting, growing and eating their own vegetables and fruit.

FOSS also funded the coaches for numerous school trips, which ensures that trip costs remain low and therefore accessible to all children. It also partially funded the Y5/6 residential to keep those costs to a minimum for parents.

Last financial year, FOSS received a ring-fenced sum of money when the village pre-school joined forces with the school. The amount of £32,271.60 was received and the funds still sit with us.

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