



Who are your FOGVS team?

Summer Term 2018



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FOGVS Team

Chair - Ben



I am Ben Thackray, and the (fairly) newly appointed Chair of the amazing FOGVS. This is my second year involved in the PTA, as my daughter Meredith started at the school in September 2016, and my son Edison will hopefully be here in 2019. I work full-time as a technical architect, and work from home in the village. I joined FOGVS as I wanted to participate in making a difference to our children's lives, and show a keen interest in helping the community; but I've met so many people I may not otherwise have, and made some great friends. Appealing for sponsorship, calling out the raffle, dreaming up ideas and running the bar has definitely been more fun than I envisaged.

I hope all parents will see the benefits and enhancements we bring to school life, and will support our events by turning up, having fun, and digging deep!

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Treasurer - Helen



I'm Helen Jarvis and the Treasurer of FOGVS. I have one daughter in Year 2 and another daughter who just joined Nursery in Sept. I've been a member of FOGVS since my eldest joined the school so almost 3 years now. I also currently run my own consultancy business. The members of the FOGVS committee are an amazingly dedicated, extremely friendly group of people who achieve a fabulous amount of good work for the school. We can often be found in a local hostelry or someone's house sharing a bottle of wine (or two!!) whilst discussing our next event!

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Secretary - Louise



Hi, I'm Louise O'Doherty, mum to Toby who is in Year1! I am a relatively new member of the FOGVS, joining only in the winter of 2016 after Toby joined the School in September. I wanted to join because I grew up with my Mum always being a part of my school's PTA and I saw her have so much fun and make so many friends over the years, not to mention the money raised and how that benefited me directly as a pupil. I wanted to demonstrate the same ethos to Toby, and so far it has been a great experience; meeting new people, contributing ideas and time to organise the events and seeing all our hard work pay off! I work part time and my husband is self employed so it's not always possible to get to all the meetings, but the rest of the team are super flexible and understand that we all have other commitments. If you want to contribute to your child's school experience, I would highly recommend joining the crazy, fun and enthusiastic bunch that is the FOGVS :)

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Communications Manager - Katy



Hi, I'm Katy Austin, Mum to Noah in Year 1 and Isaac in nursery. I'm a Technical Account Manager for a property management software company in London.

I've helped out in various events since Noah joined reception but this year seeing what a great job the FOGVS do I wanted to become more involved, I've joined a fantastic team and I'm really enjoying getting to know everyone while raising money for the school.

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Events Manager - Amy



Hi I'm Amy Cosgrove, proud Mummy to Maylea (YR1) and Holly in Nursery. I have been a stay at home mum for the last 5 years but have recently started my own Face painting Business, which I love!!

I joined FOGVS because, as a child School Fetes and Disco's for me were the highlights of the year... I really didn't want my children missing out on this!!! When FOGVS reformed I volunteered as Events Manager - let's hope that I can deliver some fantastic events!!!!

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Vice Chair - Phil

Associate - Mel



Hi! We're Mel and Phil Henderson, otherwise known as Ayden (year 2) and Cameron's (reception) Mum and Dad! Mel's been an official FOGVS member for the past 2 years, but we've both been involved as much as we can be in assisting with the fantastic events the team put on to raise money for the school each year.

We moved to the village 5 years ago and wanted to be involved in the community and our boys' education and the FOGVS has been great for us to be able to do that.

Like all working families with young children it's hard to find time to do everything you want to do, but FOGVS achieves amazing fundraising results each year because everyone brings their own skills and experience, doing what they can when they can. It works as a team effort and the bigger the team the better! There's quite a bit of socialising (drinking!) too and we love to know that all the money raised goes to directly help everyone's children in the school now and those in years to come

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Quartermaster - Anja



Hello! My name is Anja and myself and my husband Daniel kind of take it in turns around childcare and work commitments, with helping out at various FOGVS events and attending meetings. We have a son in Reception and a daughter in year 2! We both grew up with parents who were always involved with the school PTA and feel that it sets a great example for our children to see us getting stuck in to help raise money for the school – after all it is them who are able to directly reap the benefits! It doesn't require a huge commitment and everyone gives whatever time they are able to but it is very rewarding, lots of fun and we have met lots of lovely people along the way!

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Associate - Jen



Hi, I am Jen Anderson, I have two girls Darcie aged 6 and in Year 2 and a 3 year old Kiki. I work full time in a job that involves travelling but decided to join FOGVS to make new friends in the village as I am rarely on the school run! For me FOGVS is a great group of parents who don't take themselves too seriously, but make a huge impact on the school. Our meetings (the ones I make it to) are good fun, and a great way to help a lovely village school achieve more. My husband (who doesn't join any meetings) is a local builder and helps in his own way with various projects...so if joining a meeting has little/no appeal but you still would like to be involved, we can always find a job!

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Associate - Leanne



Hi, I'm Leanne Wild. Both my boys are at Godstone Village School – Rocco in Year 2 and Milo in Reception. I joined FOGVS shortly after Rocco started school as I was keen to get involved with the school and help support it and to also meet new people. I work in London so I had doubts I would be able to commit as much as was required, but I've been made to feel very welcome and there really isn't a minimum – any and all time and input is valued and its good fun too, you get to meet loads of lovely people...and meetings often involve a drink or two!

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Associate - Georgia



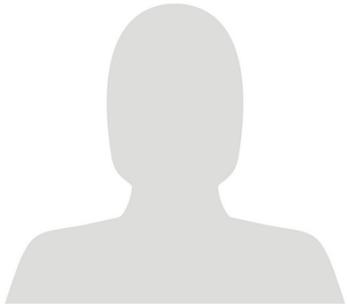
Hi! My name is Georgia Walker and I'm the mumma of two girls at the school; Evie is in year 4 and Rosa has just started Reception, having spent over a year in Cygnets nursery. We live in the village, in a house that is in a constant decorating flux (!) with my husband Mike and our beloved pooch Parker.

I am a mobile hairdresser and often work evenings so my time for FOGVS meetings are limited, however to help behind the scenes and during the events is a lot of fun!

I find being able to support with organising and raising money for our lovely school and children is very rewarding.

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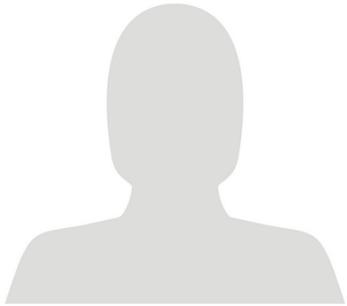
Class Representative - Claudia



Hi I'm Claudia Roberts and I have two children in the school. I have only just become a member of FOGVS as the KS1 class rep. My son has been in the school six years now having started in cygnets nursery and I feel like it's about time I got involved with the PTA! I have always looked at the PTA members and thought, they do such a fantastic job, I want to be part of that! So I joined and subsequently I have met some lovely people and what's more important than raising funds for our children.

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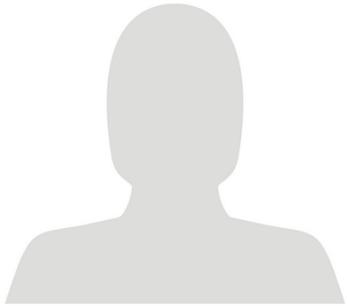
Class Representative - Wendy



Hi, my name is Wendy Dowson and I am one of the newest members of FOGVS. I have two children in the school, a son in Year 5 and a daughter in year 2. I also work as a Teaching Assistant at the school, which is hard work but very rewarding. Due to work/family commitments, I have only recently been able to join the team. I am happy to now be in the position to give more support to this dedicated and friendly group, who help provide much needed funds for our lovely school.

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Class Representative - Louisa



Louisa Johnson is one of our amazing class reps, but you'll have to ask her if you'd like to know more about her... 😊