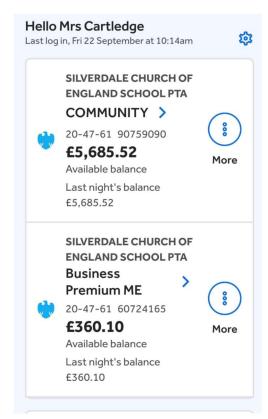
News from F.O.S.S – September 2023

From £876 in January 2022 to just over £6,000 today!!



Following the F.O.S.S shake-up after the post-COVID slump, the aim over the past couple of years has been to increase motivation and to get money back into the account...well I can certainly say we have achieved that! The fund-raising events over the last few years have not only raised money, but more importantly, they have raised spirits within the school and engagement with the wider community of Silverdale.

At the meeting on Thursday, we discussed what F.O.S.S will be going forward to ensure this reinvigorated spirit remains and that parents/carers start to see a return for all their efforts and know what to expect each year.

There were two events that were the main money makers – the Arts Trail Café and the Christmas Market. We will aim to consistently run these two events each

year and to continually discuss ways in which to maximise the fundraising opportunities they present.

Whilst still raising money, there were also those events that were done more for the enjoyment of the children – movie nights, Mothers/Father's Day shop, discos etc. These will only take place if enough parents/carers are available to run them.

This money is to then be used to fund the trips or class treats throughout the year, with the exception of the Outdoor education trips as PE money covers most of this. This way teachers know when setting the curriculum that they have a substantial pot of money to use and hopefully will enable a more enriching experience for the children. It will also reduce the need to ask us for money throughout the year, making life a bit easier for Jenny too!

We will then hold an annual meeting each September to discuss the monies raised, trips funded and future trips planned. We will also discuss any additional fund raising that may be required for that year, but this will be specific.

I have summarised the salient points from the meeting on Thursday and thank everyone for their efforts and willingness over these last few years.

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