



The FODH Annual



A Guide to FODH

The Friends of Danes Hill (FODH) is a parent-organised charity whose purpose is to encourage a community feel amongst the families at Danes Hill and to raise money to fund projects that enhance the children's experience while at school. The FODH does this by overseeing the class rep system as well as organising whole school social events such as Family Day, Race Night, the ever-popular Fireworks Display, the Christmas Fayre, Quiz Night and the fantastic charity Summer Ball at the end of the year. The FODH is not a PTA, it is the friendly, fundraising face of Danes Hill!

The team is headed by the FODH Chair, who usually holds the position for 2 years. There are a total of 7 or 8 Trustees, one for each section of the school: Bevendean, Lower School, Middle School & Upper School plus a Chair, assistant, Secretary and Treasurer.

Each class (or tutor group in the Upper School) has one or two Class Reps who are responsible for organising class coffee mornings, finding volunteers for the FODH events, attending two FODH meetings per term and providing a communication link between the class teacher and the parents.

The money raised by the FODH can be accessed via funding requests. Any pupil, parent or member of staff is welcome to submit a funding request to the FODH for consideration. The Trustees will discuss and decide whether it should go forward to parents for voting. Any request valued under £500 is discussed and voted on by the Trustees and Class Reps at the FODH Class Reps meetings. Whereas requests over £500 will be discussed at the Class Reps' meetings and then passed on to all parents for voting by an agreed deadline.

The FODH accounts are prepared by an independent accounting firm each year and submitted to Companies House and the Charities Commission.

Annual FODH Events

All parents and children are welcome to come to all events, whether they are held at Bevendean or Main School.

Family Day, September

Held at Main School, organised by Middle School

Race Night, October

Held at Bevendean, organised by Bevendean

Fireworks Night, November

Held at Main School, organised by Upper School

Christmas Fayre, November

Held at Main School, organised by Bevendean and Lower School

Quiz Night, February/March

Held at Main School, organised by a committee of volunteers

Summer Ball, July

Held at Main School, organised by a committee of volunteers

It's All Change!

I have been Chair of the FODH for the past two academic years and was Bevendean Rep for the two years before that. Over that time I have loved being involved in supporting and developing the school community through our fundraising events, charity initiatives and joint projects with the school. I've made friends I would never have otherwise met and I'm grateful to have had the opportunity to get to know more about the school my son spends so much time at. Thank you to my fantastic Trustees - Nicola Gibbs, Estelle Behr, Hannah Guganeswaran, Anita Boswell, Donna Rexstrew and Louise Porter who have given so much of their time to the FODH, the Designated Reps and to all the Class Reps and parents who support our events. We are also incredibly lucky to have such a strong and positive relationship with the school staff - it makes our job so much easier!

The past academic year was another successful one for the FODH and you'll find out more about what we got up to in the following pages.



I'd like to take this opportunity to wish the incoming Chair, Hannah Guganeswaran and her fellow Trustees the very best of luck for the year ahead. I know they'll be amazing and I hope they'll enjoy it as much as I have.

Sarah Colenso
(FODH Chair 2016-18)



I have three children at Danes Hill and have been involved with the FODH (first as a Class Rep and then as Bevendean Rep) since my eldest was in Year 1. Sarah has left an amazing legacy and I want to thank her for all her hard work and commitment as Chair. I am also thrilled that she has agreed to stay on and be a New Parent Liaison Rep.

We have a fantastic group of trustees and volunteers with a wealth of experience and qualifications and I am excited to see what the FODH can do for the school community in this coming year.

Hannah Guganeswaran
(Incoming FODH Chair 2018)

Designated Reps

New Parent Liaisons Reps

Estelle Behr – New Parent Liaison Rep (Main School)

Sarah Colenso – New Parent Liaison Rep (Main School)

Kate Hedman – New Parent Liaison Rep (Bevendean)

Lost Property Reps

Jackie Drake – Lost Property Rep

Roxane Edgar – Lost Property Rep

Anna Jarrett – Lost Property Rep

Nicola Pegler – Lost Property Rep

Second Hand Shop Managers

Cate Hamilton – FODH Shop Manager (Bevendean)

Nyomi Peters – FODH Shop Treasurer

Rhian Simm – FODH Shop Manager (Main School)

EAL Reps

Kristiana Salmon – EAL Parent Liaison Rep

Yena Oh – Korean Parent Liaison Rep

Lili Wang – Chinese Parent Liaison Rep

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The FODH Trustees 2018/19



Left to right: Barbara Gaion (Middle School Rep), Lina Lambrecht (Treasurer), Hannah Guganeswaran (Chair), Laura Pearman (Lower School Rep), Donna Rexstrew (Secretary), Vicki Luckham-Jones (Bevendean Rep) and Anita Boswell (Assistant Trustee). Not pictured Zoe Hamilton-Raimondi (Upper School Rep).

Thank you to all the FODH volunteers!



The FODH couldn't operate without the hard work of the mums that volunteer their free time or the enormous support of the school community. Our second hand shops, lost property schedule and our busy calendar of social events all require huge amounts of

time and energy to pull together. In addition, the time that each class/tutor rep puts into organising social events for their classes/tutor groups should not be overlooked. Thank you so much to each one of you! Without you, there would be no FODH!

FODH Second Hand Uniform Shops

We are extremely lucky to have second hand shops run and managed by FODH volunteers at both main school and Bevendean. The shops sell a wide range of good quality second hand clothes, as well as other useful items such as pens (main school only) and water bottles.

Submissions can be dropped at either site during their regular opening hours (see right). Please download the labels and price list from the FODH website – and label your unwanted items before dropping them off at the shops. 70% of the proceeds of sale will be taken off your next school fees invoice (or sent to you by cheque if you have left the school). The remaining 30% is donated to the FODH.

Shop Opening Hours

Bevendean	Main School
Tuesday: 8.30 – 9.00am	Tuesday: 8.00 – 9.00am & 3.30 – 5.00pm
Thursday: 3.00 – 3.25pm	Wednesday: 8.00 – 9.00am
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The above opening hours are subject to the availability of volunteers. The shop only operates on account of the time and effort made by a team of volunteers and we are always interested to hear from anyone interested in helping out. Please sign up to Classlist and join the “Second Hand Uniform Shop Volunteers” Group if you are interested in joining the team.

Lost Property

Lost property found at main school is put first in to the wheelie bins in the Ark Foyer and then is transferred by our marvellous lost property reps into the Lost Property shed. They then sort it, and all named lost property (another really good reason to make sure everything is clearly labelled!) is returned to the owners' classrooms at the end of each week by the Year 8 prefects. This is not the most glamorous of roles for the FODH, but certainly one of the most appreciated, so thank you again to our lost property team!

This system can take a while and so if your child loses something and you need it back more urgently, please check the following places 1. Your child's classroom (Years 2 and 3) or the Ark and the Ark changing rooms (Year 4 and above), 2. The wheelie bin in the Ark foyer and 3. The Lost Property Shed (which is near the swimming pool gate). You can

get the key for the Lost Property Shed from main school reception. The shelves on the right have boxes for various items for which the owner cannot be identified and the bins contain recently lost items that have not yet been sorted, so those are good places to start!

The Lost Property Reps are always in need of spare plastic shopping bags for lost property to be returned in, so please leave any spare bags you have at Main School Reception. Thank you!

Lost property at Bevendean is stored in a basket near the assembly hall. Mrs Neville-Towle in the office will point you in the right direction.

Our English as an Additional Language (EAL) Families

Danes Hill has a growing number of parents for whom English is not their first language and the FODH has been very lucky to find some amazing support for these parents in Yena Oh (Korean Parent Liaison Rep) who is taking over from Marianne Kim and Lili Wang (Chinese Parent Liaison Rep). These ladies do an invaluable job in helping EAL parents and we are hugely grateful to them.

2017-2018 also saw the addition of a new role for the FODH – the English as an Additional Language (EAL) Representative, which aimed to make all families for whom English is an additional language feel welcome and integrated into our school. Kristiana Salmon enthusiastically took on this role and with that, the First International Tea Party was born! Held on November 16, 2017 in the Bevendean Hall, it was attended by almost 60 Danes Hill parents who were from a variety of countries, including Korea, Russia, Italy, Turkey, China, Germany and South Africa. Helping greet these parents were a group of wonderful FODH volunteers bringing their smiles, warmth and friendship.



Kristiana shared that the idea for an event to help integrate EAL families into our school community was something that meant a great deal to her. "I understand first hand how difficult it can be making the transition into a new country and a new school, more so for the parents than the children. The idea for this tea party was to help these families feel welcomed and included. I wanted them to know that we care about them and want them to feel a part of the school community. The tea party was a perfect way to get to know these families better and for them to know that they have our support and our friendship." Mrs. Samson stopped in to say hello to the group, as well as Carolyn Ward and Ashley Bate, all of whom were so helpful in making this event possible.

To end the year, the FODH held an EAL Summer Gathering on June 19th at the Cricket Pavilion at Main School. This more casual event gave us the chance to check in with the families and wish them a fantastic summer. Drinks and treats were served and the event was a resounding success. We have lots to look forward to with the EAL families in the new academic year. Thank you again for all your support in helping make these families feel at home.

Please sign up to [Classlist.com](https://www.classlist.com) and join the EAL Group if English is not your first language and you would be interested in taking part in future EAL events.



FODH Funded Requests 2017/18

As well as developing a community feel for our school, the events we organise and which the school community generously supports enable us to buy some fantastic additions for the school. Here are the things that you approved FODH to purchase last year.

Art Department
Cameras & Cushions

£3,480



Bevendean Playground
Enhancements

£13,658



Library Visits

£2,500



LCD Outdoor Screen

£20,000



Outdoor
Beanbags

£431.28



School Council
request for
footballs

£200



School Council request
for table tennis
equipment

£250



Family Day

With Prince Harry's wedding to Meghan Markle and the FA Cup both falling on our planned date for last year's Family Day, we decided to have a rethink and move the event back to its original month of September. Huge thanks to Donna Rexstrew and Barby Gaion, for all their hard over the summer organising this event.

This is a joint event between the school and FODH and we have an exciting day planned for the 2018/19 Family Day. There will be fairground rides, garden games, a delicious BBQ and a refreshing drinks tent. To add to the fun, the middle and upper school children will be running some stalls.

See the flyer below for the details and please do come along to get the new academic year off to a fun and sociable start.

Cake Stall Donations

Please bring cake donations (bought and homemade equally welcome, but no nuts please) to Main School Reception or Bevendean playground on Thursday 13th or Friday 14th September.

Thank you in advance!

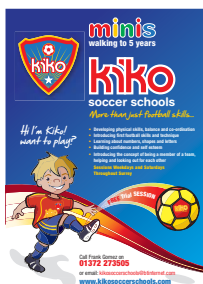
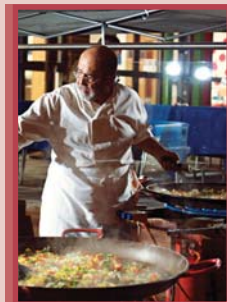
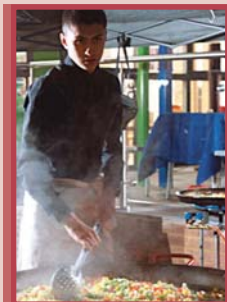
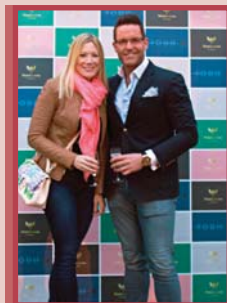
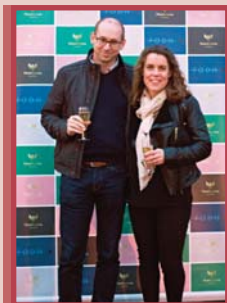


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A colorful flyer for Danes Hill School's Family Day. The background is a blue sky with white clouds, decorated with a string of colorful triangular bunting and a cluster of colorful balloons at the bottom. At the top center, the school's name 'DANES HILL SCHOOL' is written in white, with the motto 'STRONG & SAGACIOUS' below it, accompanied by a black silhouette of a bird in flight. The central focus is a large red circle with a yellow border containing the text 'Family Day Save The Date! Saturday 15 September 2018 12 - 3pm on the Headmaster's Lawn'. To the left of this circle is a blue circle with white text listing 'Rides', 'Cake Stall', and 'Garden Games'. To the right is a green circle with white text listing 'BBQ', 'Drinks Tent', and 'Activity Stalls'. At the bottom right, there are two logos for sponsors: 'Clay Hair Salon OXSHOTT' and 'munch & wiggles coffee & breadshare oXshott'. At the bottom left, there is a logo for 'FODH FRIENDS OF DANES HILL' with a black silhouette of a bird in flight.

Race Night

The third Race Night to be held at Bevendean was another huge success, with the sold-out event organised by Hannah Guganeswaran and Mrs Samson raising £1,810 for the FODH. People threw themselves into the spirit, cheering home the winners and keeping the tote busy all night. Welcome drinks were generously provided by our sponsor and once again Jorge and his family (aka the Paella Man) provided the delicious paella. Huge thanks go to Hawksman Real Estate for sponsoring the event for the third year running and to the local businesses below that provided the prizes to be won on the night.



Please save the date for this Year's Race Night, which will be held on Friday 5th October. The event is held at Bevendean and parents from both Main School and Bevendean are invited to attend.

Fireworks

It was perfect way to end the half term holidays on Sunday 5th November, with the Danes Hill annual firework display. The weather was kind to us this time, with no rain and lovely clear skies to watch the magnificent display, which was a thirteen minute extravaganza of bangs, whizzes, and colours lighting the night sky.

Before the display, there was plenty to do... visiting the drinks stall selling warming mulled wine and hot chocolate, or following the aroma to the BBQ stand offering hot dogs and burgers. The kids loved the Glowsticks stall with its variety of colourful swords, sabres, wands and even bunny ears! As always, the fairground rides were a big hit, especially with the newest attraction of the mini bumper cars. Together with the usual favourites, the bouncy castle, slide, swings and teacups, we raised £680 from the fairground alone, which for the first year ever



was donated to the school's chosen charity for the autumn term, the Leatherhead Riding for the Disabled Association.

The night was hugely successful, also raising £3,477 for FODH. A big thank you to chief organiser Louise Porter and to those parents who kindly volunteered and helped with the stalls on the night.

This year's Firework Night is booked for Sunday 4th November, so please put it in your diaries and save the date.

Bevendean Christmas Shop



Christmas magic descended early on Bevendean in November, as Santa's elves transformed the main hall into a twinkly, tinsel-laden grotto, complete with Christmas trees and festive tunes. The children loved having an elf personal shopper to help them choose Christmas gifts for their family and friends and the hall was filled with happy chatter and excitement all day. The Bevendean pupils behaved so well and chose their gifts so nicely that they were each rewarded with a sweetie and a sticker.

The day was a great success, raising £1,134 for FODH, but also bringing happy tears to a few eyes on Christmas Day. Huge thanks to Katy Cornish and her team, Fiona Shaw and Gemma Cahill, for all their hard work making the day possible. Thanks also to our elf volunteers on the day and Christmas wrappers who wrapped over 720 presents between them! Finally, a special thank you to Mrs Neville-Towle and Mrs Roberts in the Bevendean office, both for their invaluable support on the logistics and their unflinching good humour!



Christmas Fayre

Last Year's Christmas Fayre organised by Hannah Guganeswaran and Anita Boswell once again got the holiday season off to a festive start! The Ark hosted the ever-popular Christmas Market while the Winter Warmers Bar served mulled wine and Irish coffees and parents listened to the uplifting performances of the Bevendean and Lower School Choirs. There were also fantastic stalls for the children, including Beat the Teacher, Hook a Duck, Face Painting, the traditional Sweet Shop and the much loved tombola. Not to forget Santa himself who made a special appearance, taking over the Headmaster's reception area for the afternoon! This year's raffle was ringfenced to raise funds for the Leatherhead Riding for the Disabled Association and we were proudly able to hand over a cheque for £2,522, this was in addition to the £5,816 raised for the FODH. As always, this event simply could not run without the help of all the volunteers from Bevendean and Lower School, so a huge thank you to everyone who helped out on the day. Also a big thank you to our sponsor Academy Salons, who sponsored the event for the third year running.



Quiz Night



In February 2018 the FODH hosted the annual Danes Hill Quiz Night in the Main School dining room. Once again, the informal and fun event was very popular and tickets sold out swiftly. 22 teams came together on the night to compare their knowledge of history, sport, art and music, amongst other subjects. Adam Samson (AKA Bevendean Headmistress Mrs Samson's husband) reprised his widely acclaimed role as Quizmaster General and led proceedings with plenty of good humour.

The school catering team did a fabulous job of providing delicious Indian food for our hungry teams halfway through the evening. I think all those who attended would agree the event was a huge success, and in addition the FODH raised £5,853 from the evening.

Finally, a huge thank you to Sarah Colenso, Vicki Luckham-Jones, Barby Gaion and Kate Hedman for all their hard work organising the event and to GroutPro for sponsoring it. It is a real highlight in the school calendar - See you all next year!!



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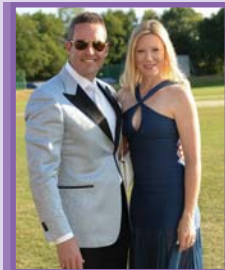
Summer Ball 2018 – ROCK THE KASBAH

The annual summer ball was another resounding success with guests commenting on how much fun the evening was and that they enjoyed the relaxed atmosphere and fantastic entertainment. Guests enjoyed welcome drinks generously donated by Mr and Mrs Murdock.

Vanilla Bean provided the Middle-Eastern themed food in keeping with the Ball's Rock the Kasbah theme while Ace Bars served up drinks from a fully stocked bar, including the Surrey Gin Collection gin cocktails.

As is customary for the Ball, it was not intended to be an FODH fundraiser and instead supported a nominated charity. In 2018 the event was in aid of Young Minds. BBC Breakfast and Strictly Come Dancing favourite, Chris Hollins kindly agreed to be the MC and Auctioneer for the evening and as a result of his efforts and the incredible generosity of our guests in the auction, we managed to raise over £30,000 for the Young Minds charity.

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