



Friends of English Martyrs

(FEM)

April 2022 Newsletter

Hello and welcome to FEM's April newsletter. We hope you got to enjoy family time over the holidays.

The Friends of English Martyrs (FEM) is a parent led charity organisation who strive to raise funds for additional resources throughout the school.

We have had a few fundraising activities just before the Easter holiday in addition to our weekly cake sale with a second hand uniform sale, guess how many eggs are in the jar, find the gold-en egg and a non school uniform day. Keep an eye out on upcoming posts via the school newsletter and our Facebook group (F.E.M. The Friends Of English Martyrs Oakham) to find out how much we have raised.

Thank you to everyone who took part to help raise funds for the charity which gives back to the school and pupils. We had so much fun and are looking forward to more fundraising activities and social get-togethers, connecting and making memories with our families over the coming year.

There have been some new faces join the team at FEM. You can see who we are, our role and our names below and you can find out more information about the team on the second page of the newsletter.

Chair	Co-chair	Treasurer	Secretary	Co-opted member
Monica	Anna	Sara	Jessica	Ellen



Upcoming events

Friday 29th April – Cake & Coffee morning, after drop off – until 10.30am

Saturday 7th May- Gardening Day 10-12

Friday 13th May – 7pm Quiz & Chips – tickets on sale soon

Friday 27th May - Platinum Jubilee afternoon tea at 2 pm

Friday 24th June – Sports Day / BBQ and refreshments by FEM

Saturday 9th July – Summer Fair 10.30am – 1pm





Meet The Team

Chair

Hello! I'm Monica, I come from Spain but have lived in the UK for over 20 years. I teach Spanish and have a passion in all the arts and cooking too. I have two kids in English Martyrs: Matilda in Y6 and George in Y4. Since the first week, we realised the extraordinary work that teachers do at English Martyrs, they really make the school a wonderful place to be, quite often with limited resources. This is where FEM tries ever so hard to fill the gap and already has bought equipment and opportunities for the school. I feel very excited to share the position of Chair with Anna.

Co-chair

Hello, my name is Anna Barlow. I am a 1:1 Teaching Assistant at English Martyrs and I have my both children at our school (Alissa in Year 4 and Marcus in Year 2). Alongside my job at English Martyrs, I run a bridal fashion business and volunteer at a local Scouts group. I am passionate about sport, especially snowboarding and skiing (which is not surprising since I come from Russia!). I have a background in project management and, having previously sat on a Preschool committee, I am enthusiastic to work with my FEM colleagues and to organise fundraising activities to help the school which has given so much to my children. I am hoping that with the support of our school and parish community we will be able to raise much needed funds for vital school projects.

Co-opted Member

Hi my name is Ellen
I will be taking on the role of co-opted member for the FEM committee.
I am friendly and approachable.
I have been a parent of English Martyrs for 11+ Years now.
I am a working mum of 2 and I have 1 child that still attends English Martyrs.
I am looking forward to working with the ladies on the committee and arranging lots of fun things for the children and community to enjoy.

Treasurer

Hi my name is Sara Passey and I am the Treasurer of FEM. I have 3 boys. My youngest William is in Year 2 and my older two have already been through the school. I am a self-employed accountant and have been the Treasurer for the last 6 years. I love being on the committee. Being involved with FEM has helped me meet lots of people and make new friends. It has also given me great satisfaction to see all the money we have raised for school.

Secretary

Hello I'm Jessica I have two children that have come through/going through English Martyrs. From the moment my husband and I visited the school we knew it was the correct one for our children, from the smaller class size to friendly approachable staff and the larger community feel and these are aspects we still agree we love about the school years later. The school have been supportive in my children's journey and it's great that I can help give back by offering my time through FEM Outside of this role I am a parent carer and I work part time for a local charity, Rutland Rotaract Family Support Centre (RRFSC) which aims to provide social, recreational and therapeutic support to children and young people (0-25) with special educational needs or/and disabilities (SEND) and their families. I am very much looking forward to working with FEM, meeting and engaging with our families helping build up our school community more so.

P.S

If you are interested in joining FEM as a volunteer to help at events, have an idea, or may be able to help in another way, such as being a corporate donor please email;

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