

Chairperson Report - AGM - September 18th 2024

Welcome, and thank you for joining us for the Friends AGM this evening.

This past school academic year, we have been overwhelmed with the amount of support from the wonderful school staffing team and the supportive school parental community. This has resulted in us running successful fundraising events such as: the summer fayre, school discos, family bingo event, Christmas Fayre, Treat Fridays and the highly entertaining Family Quiz Night. All of which have helped raise funds to support our children's educational journey.

We have, together, raised a fantastic amount, which our treasurer will shortly share with you.

The funds raised have helped our children access many things – this includes coaches for the KS1 trip to Chiltern Open Air Museum, the coaches for the whole school to go to the pantomime at christmas, whole school science resources and experiences for science week, items for the ARP and many other things.

Events like the discos and fayres only happen if everyone works as a team. We are lucky at our school that this happens as I am aware some schools are struggling with parental support to organise such events.

I would like to encourage people to join the committee – it gives you insight to what our school needs, it allows you to have a vote on purchases, it gets you involved in the school community, your children enjoy being able to help and becoming 'mini-committee members', you also get to meet a lot of lovely new people from different classes and hopefully have fun along the way. It is not a requirement to attending every meeting – we have been holding hybrid meetings to allow everyone to attend if possible. There are a few new events planned for the year ahead which you may want to help with or attend.

I would personally like to thank everyone for their support over the last year. I have enjoyed being chairperson, but equally I am happy to support any existing committee member who would like this role.

Thank you.

Vanessa Swain