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Chair Report for AGM 17th October 2023

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Firstly I would like to take a moment to acknowledge the hard work of all the people who volunteered at various events or supported us last year, we cannot be successful without your help so thank you!

It's been a very successful year, with the return of some traditional events and brilliant support from the Bucklebury family. You may have seen the lovely spending tree that JC made for us, we've used the money raised to support school with a huge variety of things including the panto that they all saw in school at Christmas, school trips, in school projects, and the slightly less glamorous things like paying for Spelling Shed, Times Tables Rockstars, and other subscriptions. We've also budgeted for some improvements to the planting area by the outdoor classroom which should be in place early next year.

We've made some changes recently which will mean it's easier to find information about FOBS, it's a work in progress so please bear with us we are all volunteers after all! Our new website pta-events (www.pta-events.co.uk/buckleburyfobs) lets you see our planned events and dates for the year and will mean that you can easily find and purchase tickets as well as volunteer to help. We will gradually be adding more functions to this so do keep an eye on it! Volunteering becomes less of a burden if we all do a little bit so I am asking you all to step up this year and help us by volunteering at events so no one has to do too much. And don't forget you can show support by doing something as simple as donating or buying an item of our Amazon Wish list or attending an event. Currently we are selling tickets for our school disco, wreathmaking and new quiz night, all are very affordable and a lot of fun, so please do put the dates in your diary and buy your tickets so we can be sure they are worthwhile events to run. The Christmas Jumper sale will be online this year so please donate any that your children have grown out of so we can make it a success. We've got lots of fun planned take a look at the screen for some of our upcoming events. And we've been listening to your feedback so we are planning an Easter Event this year as long as we can get enough volunteers.

KG will take you through the financials in a minute but first I have a few thank you's.

A lot of the work for FOBS goes on behind the scenes, the staff support us a lot doing things like creating wonderful art for Christmas products like they have been this week. And we really appreciate that support.

We've had five trustees move on at the end of our financial year and I want to say thank you to them for all the faithful commitment they gave FOBS, over many years. Thank you AS, ZS, SH, MP & VC we really appreciate everything you did and in some cases still do to support FOBS events and keep the charity running.

We have been lucky to have people step forward to cover almost all of their roles, but we are still looking for support in organising both the Christmas Bazaar and Summer Fete, so if you think you might be able to help us please do come and speak to me ASAP. And if you have a fundraising event that you would like to organise and run then we would like to hear from you too!

And thank you KG for the commitment that being Treasurer takes, and SH for agreeing to take over this important role this year. Ok that's all from me over to you KG.