

## **Chairman's report for the AGM on Tuesday November 7<sup>th</sup> 2017**

Thank you all for coming this evening. As you will see we have started the agenda for tonight which you have in front of you and proceedings should last no longer than 40 minutes. The other PFC officers are Sarah (Treasurer), Heidi (Secretary) and Adele (Communications).

We are now at the end of the second year for the current PFC officers. Two years that have flown by and been full of wonderful events, raising significant funds for the school and children.

I remember a little over 2 years ago the PFC was on the point of folding. But at an emergency meeting at least 30 people turned up. I think that showed – that when the chips are down – people do care. I don't think we now have that level of core volunteers but there is a much higher level of people willing to come forward and help and support the varied events that are run by a fantastic bunch of individuals.

We have been able to purchase a varied amount of items requested by the school. From software for Accelerated Reader, Lexia and Jigsaw; hardware like Notebooks, wireless microphones and a PA system; to play equipment, football goals, musical instruments and cookers. Books are always needed to refresh the library and a recent event with the Book People will enable around £250 of extra books to be purchased.

Without pre-empting the financial report – I can say that the PFC is in a very good position, with a healthy balance and funds accumulating to help the school, hopefully next summer, to replace the large play equipment on the playing field – which is a significant outlay.

I believe if we maintain the quality of events and try for extra funding from the likes of Tesco, Arriva, the Lottery and others – the children will be able to enjoy the new equipment when coming back to school next September. We should find out this month how much we will receive from Tesco from their Bags of Help Scheme – hopefully a minimum of £1000.

Of course the continual need for volunteers to support events, in all phases, is still required, so that the workload is spread further or maybe, even more events could take place. It has been great to see new faces from the foundation years coming forward during the last 2 years and hopefully this will continue as new children start.

This evening I have decided to step down from being the Chair of the PFC. It has been a very fulfilling 2 years but time for someone else to have a go. I will not disappear, you can't get rid of me that easily - but I will continue to volunteer whenever I can.

At this point I can also report that Heidi is also stepping down as Secretary. I can remember at the AGM 2 years ago when the secretary post was vacant and Heidi bravely stepped forward when it was looking unlikely that anyone would. For that I'd give a massive thanks for not only stepping forward but also for sticking with it for 2 years. And that Adele is also stepping down as the Communications Officer. I either have Adele to blame or thank for the last 2 years as it was mainly Adele who asked/persuaded me to become the chair. Adele did a fantastic job looking after the comms and it is a shame she has decided to step aside.

So on reflection it has been a fantastic year and 2 years, which wouldn't have been possible without the tremendous support, planning, work and participation of the PFC officers, the active committee members, the school and teachers, parents, relatives, friends and children. To you all - thank you.