

## **Friends of Thurnham (FOT) Chair Report 2018/2019**

Welcome to the AGM for The Friends of Thurnham, 2019.

For those of you new to the school community, the purpose of Fot is to raise funds for the school to buy things or experiences for the children, that otherwise the school would not be able to afford within their budget.

We achieve this by running social and community events, either in or out of school hours for the children, their families and staff. These are fun events, aimed to enrich the children's experience at school, also create a community that is welcoming to all members.

We are a registered charity (since 2016) and thus all committee members are trustees of the charity. We follow a constitution, and this gives us procedural guidance and direction.

Both myself as Co-Chair, and Claire Jerome as Treasurer, have come to the end of our terms as trustees, and are stepping down as committee members. We have enjoyed being part of Fot, and wish not only the current trustees the very best in the coming year, but the new committee members also.

During the academic year 2018/2019, we have run several events including the Advent market, a quiz, a summer ball, a leavers disco, an Easter fair, the coin trail, and the family fun day. In addition several second hand uniform sales, coffee mornings, a donation to Maidstone Homeless and Marie Curie.

A full list can be found in the treasurer's report.

### **Highlights**

Advent Market – a wonderful festive event that everyone enjoyed. This raised an impressive £2352.45

Easter Fair – a lovely fair to compliment the school walkabout. Raised £594.49

Coin Trail – always fun for the children, raising £413.96

Summer Ball – a wonderful social event for the adults! Raised £947.58

Family Fun Day – a beautiful sunny day meant our bar was popular! Raised a whopping £1706.35

### **In addition**

We were also one of the beneficiaries chosen by the Music on the Green team. £688 was donated to the school in return for a little volunteering.

We represented the school at the Bearsted and Thurnham Carnival, with our round the world teddy stall.

Total profit last year £10,002.89

£11,500 was donated given for new I.T equipment. In addition £745.79 funds were given for class Christmas presents, ice creams, bedtime story drinks and biscuits, etc.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued help and support, without which the events we put on would not be possible.

With many thanks,

Nadine Barling and Maxine Painter, Co-Chairs