

Secretary report 2023 in lieu of Chair Person's report

Thank you to everyone who helped with the events last year. It was a tough year in terms of volunteers but we still managed to raise over £10k which is fab. We had lots of new events last year, including toy and costumes sales, an Easter event, santa's grotto but what has made a big difference was getting the lottery license as we raised over £1500 on each raffle we ran last year! We're hoping to add an Easter raffle this year! This was helped by the relationship we had with an estate agent who donated large cash prizes and sponsored a lot of our events. I'm hoping this will continue this year coming.

It was a good year in terms of spending the funds we have raised too which also makes me happy. We donated to help the nursery school redo the sandpit in the nursery garden, replaced the foundation shed, did some work to maintain the willow tunnel at the infants and contributed towards the year 2 trip to the Lion King. I also believe that the junior school are in a position to start to do the work on the outdoor play equipment they have been saving for which is great! This means though we need to have another good year this to keep the money coming in for future projects!

On a personal note, I'm thrilled to have been approached by a few more parents this year to join the committee and I really hope this helps lighten the load for everyone! I'd also like to thank both schools for their support last year, particularly with the summer fete which was a big success specifically because of the help we got to run all of the stalls on the day. Was much less stressful than the previous year!

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