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FrOGS AGM – MONDAY 8TH OCTOBER 2018

Report from the Chair

As the current Chair of FrOGS (Friends of Greentrees School) I am delighted with our achievements in the academic year 2017 / 2018. It was a spectacular fundraising year totalling **£11,000** including successful applications for 2 £1000 grants, one from the Parish Council and one from Persimmon Homes and matched funding from Barclays for another £1000.

Not only did we raise £11,000, we also fulfilled our charitable aim of **advancing the education of pupils by:**

- Developing effective relationships between the staff, parents and others associated with the school
- Engaging in activities or providing facilities or equipment which support the school and advance the education of the pupils

The main focus this year was on continuing to generate funds to contribute to the Junior Site **outdoor play equipment** and I am delighted to say that the first 2 modules of the equipment have been installed and are ready for use by the children. FrOGS was able to give **£15,000** to this project.

FrOGS has also continued its commitment to funding both school libraries, sports day lollies, Christmas pantomime performances, Christmas craft, crackers and Santa presents.

It continued to work with parents, staff and governors to provide social events to bring the school community closer together. We have had amazing staff and governor assistance at events and built on previous strong links with the wider community including Cafe on the Green, Premier Sports and Victoria Park Community Tennis club.

This year saw the launch of the **Class Rep scheme** which has broadly been welcomed as a success and thought worth continuing this year. Our thanks to those reps who have agreed to move up to their next classes and to those who have handed over and welcome to our new reps. We have just had a useful and well attended meeting and hope to see more parental involvement this year as 2017 / 18 was, like last year, a hard year to secure parent volunteers for our events.

Our 2017 / 2018 Committee:

Parents: Karen Beard (Chair), Pippa King (Vice Chair), Anna Massey (Secretary), Angela Waterworth (Treasurer), Tre Murrell, Sarah Ilewelyn, Julia Grinham, Lisa Mort, Alex Weir

Staff: Ray Picton, Mel Eyers, Alan Geary, Charlie Boardman, Maggie Hill, Gayna Minall, Michelle Dickins, Linda Butcher, Fodhla Godden, Ruth Hawkins

Events 2017 / 2018

- **Scarecrow competition:** A wonderful community event and all thanks to Hailey Edmonds for her amazing organisation and creativity
- **Winter Fayre:** My first event as Chair (!) Fantastically well attended with outside traders, beautiful musical accompaniment, lots of fun pocket money games and stalls for the children, games laid on from our friends at Cafe on the Green, great food and drink and the all important tombola. Huge thanks to everyone for making this happen. We raised around **£2,250**



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- **Xmas production / sports day refreshments:** Thank you to the committee members who gave up their time.
- **Santa Visit:** Thanks to our secret Santa and Elf!
- **Second hand uniform sales:** Popular as ever, particularly the one for the new parents. Thanks to everyone who helped
- **Bags 2 school collections:** Mountains of bags!
- **Quizz night:** A well attended and fun evening with lots of money raised (£650). The bar ran dry and provisions had to be bought in from the one stop!
- **Easter tombolas:** Very well supported though we may need to tweak for next year to cater for the classes coming out at different times
- **Lantern Procession:** thanks to committee members who bravely served hot chocolate.
- **School discos:** In danger of not having an autumn disco due to a lack of volunteers but rescued at the last minute by the amazing Michelle Dickins who organised a brilliant event that was very well attended by both infants and juniors. Love Disco Dion and thanks to those who did give up their time. We raised around £800
- **Summer event:** What can I say – Whilst it was a struggle on the parent volunteer front, the weather was in our favour and the attendance spectacular. Everyone seems to have a great time and the amazing sum of **£2,400** was raised. Our thanks to Mandy Jarred who nominates FrOGS for **match funding from Barclays**. This added another £1000 to our total.
- **Easy Fundraising** continues to raise funds for us as people enjoy their on-line shopping.
- **The Library lottery** continued to raise funds and generate prize money.

Thanks:

To all **FrOGS committee members**; thanks you so much for your support and enthusiasm last year. We are a small team for such a big school and that you gave up your time for the benefit of others is truly wonderful.

Particular thanks to **Anna Massey** for her excellent agendas and minutes and to **Pippa King** for social media and general support.

Special thanks to those committee members who are stepping down for a well earned rest after many years of PTA madness – I hope however that you will remain Friends of the Friends of Greentrees School – see you at the Winter Fayre! So, to **Charlie Boardman, Maggie Hill, Angela Waterworth, Gayna Minall, Michelle Dickins, Linda Butcher** and **Lisa Mort** – we salute you and thank you on behalf of the whole school community. You are all awesome.

Gratitude also to our staff committee members, **Mel Eyers, Alan Geary** and **Ray Picton**, who continue to support FrOGS despite their already very busy school schedules. And to all the lovely **staff members** who support us at our events – we literally couldn't do it without you – thank you! And of course a shout out to **Ian Barnes, Nicki Wright, Liz Broadhurst** and **Clare Jordan** for their good humour and support.

Lastly, enormous thanks to the **parents, carers and children** of Greentrees for continuing to support FrOGS events.

Karen Beard
Chair 2017/18