



## **PFOG AGM – CHAIRS REPORT.**

On behalf of the PFOG I would like to thank you all for coming this evening, it's great to see so many new parents as well as those who have been here slightly longer.

Before I talk about the last 12 months in terms of PFOG I would like to take this opportunity to formally congratulate Mr Gear and the staff on what has been a truly outstanding year. You only have to look around the school or talk to parents or friends to appreciate just what has been achieved in a relatively short space of time, so, on behalf of the parent body thank-you.

When Nicola and I took over as joint chair last September we really didn't know what lay ahead but we had one goal in mind, to secure funding for a school mini-bus. With the help and support of Mr.Gear and Mr.Vincent we took possession of our wonderful bus in April, all we had to do now was raise the money to pay for it!

Throughout the year we have held many fund raising events that have been supported by children, parents and staff, and we thank you all for that.

We try to hold an adult and or children's event each term and started the year with our hugely successful Christmas Bazaar. I can honestly say that I have never seen so many people in the Cameron Hall and the Wii Tennis championship was something we'll never forget.

In the spring term we held a quiz night and thank Mr.Vincent for his hard work putting it together, even if it was far too difficult! Inevitably the teacher's team won and although I have been assured there was no foul play, quite frankly I'd have been disappointed if they hadn't.

The Summer term as always heralds the School Ball and I would like to say a special thank you to my co-chair Nicola Little who did a fantastic job in creating yet another truly memorable evening. As always the final fund raising event of the year was the Summer Fair, again another huge success.

In addition to these main events the Parents & Friends do many other things throughout the year that you may not be aware of, we manage the Travelling Book Fair and Scholastic Book Club, we provide Christmas decorations for the school and put them up, we provide the refreshments and prizes for the Christmas party and organise refreshments at all major school events. This year we hosted an Easter egg hunt for the children which was such a success I'm sure it will become a permanent fixture in the school calendar. We also contributed to the cost of the visiting author and supplied the children with bottles of water on Sports Day.

In addition to this Lesley B. continues to do an outstanding job with the second hand uniform and Janette R., along with Sally W. the uniform cupboard. These little things really do help make a difference and I thank these parents for their tireless efforts.

All of these events would not happen without the support and dedication of our fantastic committee and on behalf of Nicola and me we thank-you.

There are always certain people without whose generosity we would not be-able to do what we do, and I would like to especially thank Helen & John B., Olive & Jason T., Vikki & Jason P. and Kate & Scott G. Not only has Scott been a supportive committee member but his generosity has enabled us to do all those little things that really make the difference. I won't embarrass him by listing everything he's done but thank you.

And personally can I thank each and every one of you who has attended an event this year and supported us in what has been a fantastic year.

Before I hand over to Duncan I wanted to read a quote from the Times today in which a Dad describes his experiences in the school playground. Part of the article describes a PTA Chair, I'll let you decide if there are any similarities!

The very opposite to Dippy Mum is the Queen of the PTA. A miracle of multitasking, the Queen of the PTA is the type who will never be late, her immaculately turned out children will always have all their PE kit and she will never bust the deadline for her consent forms, indeed she's probably hyper enough to download the school calendar to her personal organiser. She's the sort who volunteers at the school half the week while also running a local Brownies troop, running marathons and, of course, running the PTA. She'd be capable of managing a small war but has kids and so has to content herself with a primary school.

You can try avoiding the Queen of the PTA, but she will seek you out and shame you into volunteering for fundraising ventures. You can try arguing that schools are the Government's responsibility and why you pay your taxes, but you will still end up in a village hall, selling your home-made cakes to other parents while buying theirs in turn, so you might as well give in early.

and so with that I would like to hand over to our treasurer, Duncan Wilkinson.