



# **The Friends of Ivy Chimneys** **Chair's Report – 2017/2018** **10<sup>th</sup> October 2018**

## **Chair's Statement**

It has again been another busy and fun packed year. With now four years' understanding of the role I am in the very privilege position of having a wide range of knowledge on how events are run. Plus how, as a team, we can work cohesively with the school to provide great events for the children while providing them with amazing resources to enhance their time at Ivy.

It has been an amazing experience to meet tremendous like-minded people who want to play their part in building the opportunities for our children.

I welcome the new parents who worked with us last year and thank everyone for all the effort, time and resources they put in to help us achieve our goal. I am also looking forward to volunteering with our new parents that have come on board.

It was so great to play a part in the opening ceremony of the new shelter, earlier this year. We have heard some wonderful stories of how much it has had a positive experience for them at playtime.

I look forward to working with you all for the coming year in every capacity.

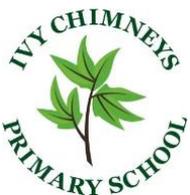
Thank you.

## **Objectives of The Friends of Ivy Chimneys**

The objective of the Friends of Ivy Chimneys School is to help advance the education of the pupils in the school in two areas.

1. By developing and maintaining effective relationships with all those associated with the school; staff, parents or pupils.
2. To engage in activities and provide equipment and facilities to the school to benefit pupils in a number of ways.

The Friends of Ivy Chimneys recognise that we have an ongoing requirement to demonstrate that our charitable endeavours are for the public benefit which is a legal requirement for every charitable organisation.





## 1) Developing and maintaining effective relationships.

### 2017/2018

- a) The FolCS flash has continued to be produced on-line and has proved very successful at communicating with parents.
- b) GDPR has had an impact on how we can communicate with our parents via the gmail address. We are therefore concentrating on using parentmail which ensures that those parents who do not wish to hear about events are left off any mailing list.
- c) With the support of Montagues Estate Agent we were able to produce and publish a full year calendar of events for all families for them to stick on their fridge at home. This has proved extremely popular and has been requested again. There is no way of measuring if this has had a positive impact on attendance at events but the overall feel good factor has been tremendous.
- d) FolCS Friday (Drop-in) sessions did not occur as frequently as in past years but became more of a get together when tasks needed to be done. Going forward I suggest that we have dedicated FolCS Friday sessions. These are to discuss meeting agenda items for those who cannot come to evening meetings or vice versa.
- e) The school no longer have a dedicated School Council as they felt that the views of pupils was not coming across effectively. They are therefore split into house groups (Chatter Groups) with everyone given the opportunity to put their points across. If we need feedback from the children on a certain issue then we need to feed into one of these sessions to get an holistic view of what the children want.
- f) The need for Wendy to present at a Monday assembly has not occurred but if the need does arise then it is something that can be organized.

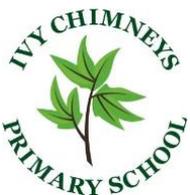
### 2018/2019

Following the positive feedback we will continue to:

- a) Continue to publish the FolCS Flash on-line.
- b) Montagues sponsored Events Diary has already been published for this academic year.
- c) Commence FolCS Fridays with a dedicate purpose of meet, greet and catch-up.
- d) Events to-do sessions will be diarized separately.
- e) As and when required/invited Wendy will attend the staff meeting if communication through Jonathan/Andy is not thought an affective route.
- f) If the topic discussion is appropriate or Chatter Groups invite Wendy or a fellow team member to attend then they will be very happy to attend.
- g) Wendy to present at a Monday assembly.

### Daytime Committee Meetings

These have proved popular with those that are unable to meet in the evening to enable them to have an understanding on what we are currently working on.





### **Who is on the Friends of Ivy Chimneys**

Membership of the Friends of Ivy Chimneys is open to a section of the public - parents, guardians or carers of any pupils currently attending the school, teaching and non-teaching staff currently employed by the school and any person over the age of 18 wishing to offer appropriate support or help to the school who is accepted by the committee as a Member.

Chair – Wendy Adams  
Vice Chair – Lorna Newcombe  
Treasurer – Simon Graham  
Secretary – Emily Warner  
Teacher Liaison - Andy Jones

### **Changes to the team**

Vice Chair – Vacant  
Secretary – Vacant

I want ensure that I record my deep personal thanks to Lorna for all hard work in the past 2 years and wish her and family well for the future. In addition, I want to express my thanks to Jen Scott-Barden for her tremendous support at the end of year when she stepped in to support us both.

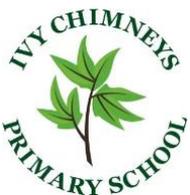
In addition, I want to bring your attention to the hard work, time and effort it takes to create the minutes for us. Emily has done an outstanding job in the past 2 years, especially as she was only doing it temporarily. It really is appreciated, thank you so much.

I also want to make as special mention to the following people;

Belinda Lockett is standing down as our Discos co-ordinator after many years of fun and frolicks and I am please to announce that Monique Marks has agreed to help organise and co-ordinate the fun and continued frolicks. Thank you so much to you both.

Wayne Flegg at Montagues Estate Agents (one of our dads) is unfailing in his support to us. He has provided our Events Diary, banners for our Fayres and of course, the advertising boards for the fayres.

Thank you to everyone for your continued input, support and guidance.





## **2a) Engage in activities**

Throughout 2017/18 we coordinated and supported particular fund raising events and activities, please find below a list:

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| ✓ 200 Club   | ✓ Movies & Munch (6)   |
| ✓ Phonics Morning                                      | ✓ Quiz Night (2)   |
| ✓ Christmas Craft Fundraiser – supported by Fat-Chilli | ✓ Christmas Fayre  |
| ✓ Readathon  | ✓ Easter Disco   |
| ✓ Dads at school Day Refreshments                      | ✓ World Book Day Refreshments and Costume Competition Prizes |
| ✓ New Parents meeting - refreshments                   | ✓ Easter Raffle  |
| ✓ Summer Fayre   | ✓ Summer Disco   |
| ✓ Ice Lolly Sales                                      | ✓ Construction Club  |
| ✓ Christmas Disco                                      |  |

Additional funds have been acquired through the Giving machine, sponsorship and matching contributions.

For how much each of these events raised please refer to the treasurers report.

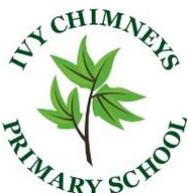
We are always striving to ensure that the events we put on are the best value for our children but also for the volunteers.

With this in mind the decision has been made to close the 200 Club Lottery as the reduced numbers of memberships has meant that it was only just breaking even.

After a very popular year with the children, the Construction Club has been closed temporarily. Thank you to Monique for all her hard work in leading these sessions. With the constraints of volunteers and venues available it became increasing difficult to keep it open in the short term. In discussions with Mr. Furness there is an option for the equipment to be used at lunchtime with a staff member on hand to help supervise. If this is something that can be done going forward, the school will communicate it.

To build on the success of the previous events and incorporate new ones please find a list of what actives we will schedule for 2018/2019. For a comprehensive list including dates of event please see the website [www.foics.org](http://www.foics.org)

✓ Quiz Nights, Autumn & Winter	✓ Movies & Munch (6)
✓ Discos (3)	✓ Ice Lolly Sales
✓ Christmas Fayre	✓ Phonics Morning
✓ Summer Fayre	✓ FolCS Friday Drop-ins
✓ Readathon	✓ Raffles (Christmas, Easter and Summer)
✓ Christmas Art Fundraiser – supported by Fat-Chilli	✓ World Book Day Costume Competition Prizes
✓ Dads at school Day Refreshments	✓ New Parents meeting - refreshments



## **2b) Provide equipment and facilities to the school to benefit pupils in a**



### **number of ways**

- Playground shelter £9,000
- Play equipment for EYFS and main playground £1,000
- £3,120 contribution towards School journeys and trips for every child.
- Additional iPads for use as classroom support. £4,000
- £1,000 for new books in the library.
- Additional fluorescent jackets for school trips.
- Swimming hats for the school swimming tournament.
- Year 6 Leavers Gifts
- Christmas Crackers (for every child in the school, at the Christmas lunch)
- Prizes for the best dressed at the World Book Day Competition.

### **Potential projects to support for 2018/19**

- £10 per child, towards school trips/educational visitors to school (outlook £3,100)
- Hard surfacing the area outside foundation classrooms. (£500)
- Year 6 Memory Books (£300)
- Christmas Crackers (for every child in the school, at the Christmas lunch)
- Prizes for the best dressed at the World Book Day Competition.
- On-line educational subscriptions
- Running track for the Children's daily mile run.

Full discussion and agreement of future spend will happen during the AGM.

Thank you for everyone's support in the past year and we look forward to working with you again this coming year. We have lots of exciting events and projects to support and can't wait to see the children faces.

Wendy Adams  
Chair, Friends of Ivy Chimneys School

