

Friends of Westbury-on-Severn School

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Dear Parents/Carers

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome everyone back to the new school year. Friends of Westbury-on-Severn School had their AGM and first meeting of the year on Wednesday 12 September. As a result we are pleased to confirm that Katie Kift will be continuing as Chair, Lydia Redding will continue as Secretary, Kerry Jones was appointed as Treasurer (for an interim period) and Claire McCartney will be the fourth committee member.

We are pleased to report that the Friends Committee had a very busy and successful first year. We were able to reintroduce refreshments before Theme Celebration, as well as the school discos that the children enjoy, supporting Class 1's Nativity and the End of Year Celebration BBQ. We would also like to pass our thanks to Kat Hughes who successfully completed the London Marathon and raised £400.

Some of our bigger events were the Christmas Craft Fair and supporting the School Drama Production of Oliver! These were not only successful in terms of the amount they raised but in bringing the local and school communities together.

Although, as a Committee our favourite event has to have been the Picnic & Performance Evening held at Westbury Court Gardens on 23 May. The children were able to showcase their musical and poetic talents in a beautiful setting and we were very grateful that the weather was kind to us!

Due to the success of these events we were able to make the usual donations, of Yr6 leavers' hoodies, Yr 6 meal, money boxes for the Reception children, Mother's Day Flowers, Christmas Books and the £1,000 Capital Fund Donation directly to School to support building projects.

In addition we were also able to fund the coach travel for the whole school to attend 'We the Curious' in Bristol. However, we are sure that the children and staff would say their personal favourite would be the Ice Cream van driving onto the playing field on the last day of term to serve them all an ice cream!

We are delighted to report that the profit for the financial year 2017-18 was £1,300 and upon discussions with Mr C have agreed that this will go towards supporting each Class to deliver their thematic programmes across the academic year.

We are currently finalising the programme of events for 2018-19 which will be published shortly. In the meantime Friends will be providing refreshments of tea/coffee/squash/cookies in the Church after the ISingPop Concert on Thursday 27 September. We look forward to seeing you there!

Finally, we would like to thank all the children, parents, families and staff for their support and generous contributions at all the events that helped to make them so successful and enjoyable.

Our next meeting will be at The Lyon Inn on Wednesday 3 October at 7.00pm. We will be planning the School Disco on 19 October and Christmas Craft Fair on 24 November, so if you feel you could contribute to these events or would just like to know more, please pop along, everyone is welcome!

Best wishes,

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