



FPSA Summer Newsletter

I'd like to start by saying the very biggest thank you to everyone who has helped the FPSA over the year and the FPSA themselves. We have had some wonderful events that without your help and support would not happen. We need people to volunteer, whether that be maining a stall at the Christmas Fayre or marshalling at the fireworks, so thank you.

It has been a busy year. This term alone there has been the Furneux Pelham Ball, the Furneux Fayre (which between them raised nearly £4500 for the school), refreshments at the school play, the school disco and a very successful cheese and wine evening at Furneux Pelham Hall successfully organised by Jo Calif with the amazing generosity of Wine Story's Thibault Lavergne. A special thank you should be made to the Bonner family for their contined support this year over various events.

The 100 club has been drawn from April to August and the winners have been notified.

All the items I mentioned in my previous newsletter, including a weather station and a new greenhouse for the garden area have been purchased or are in the process of being paid for.

As we come to the end of the year I'd like to say that It has been an honour to serve as Chair of the FPSA but at the end of this term I will step down to let someone else have a chance to experience this. The best thing that the FPSA does is to provide the school with some much needed funds for the non-essentials, those things that make the experience of your child at school go from good to great. As well as this, we have really only focussed on events that we knew the children would love and remember in years to come (other than the wine evening obviously!)

What I am trying to say is without the FPSA these extras won't happen and your child won't experience these memorable events or have access to the additional resources that the FPSA funds provide. I would really love to see some new faces on the FPSA Committee in the Autumn term with new ideas and new experiences to bring to the table. Like myself, some of the existing committee will step down so it is all change. For those of you who are keen to get involved, It is a great chance to meet and socialise with some of the other parents and bond over sticking on raffle labels or committee meetings (that usually take place in the pub – an added incentive!)

The Autumn term, once the colder weather kicks in, brings the Fireworks and the Christmas Fayre which are already in the pipe line. If you have any additional ideas for events or fundraising, please do let a Committee member know.

My final 2 comments are to thank the Committee - Jo Beadle for all her support as treasurer, Jo Callf, Lindy and Oliver Clay, Sam Cornelius, Susie Harris, Sara Mihajlovic, Rachel Mitchell, Melissa Rippon, Anna Shaw, Katharine White and Faye Yorke. As well as this, we'd all like to wish all the leavers good luck in the next stage of their journey. C.S Lewis once said 'you can't go back and change the beginning but you can start where you are and change the ending'.

Thank you everyone and have a great summer,

Philippa Wickham