

FRIENDS OF BURTON BRADSTOCK SCHOOL

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

12TH SEPTEMBER 2017

CHAIRS REPORT

As usual the 'Friends' have worked very hard this year to raise funds for the school. You will shortly hear from Kerry a full breakdown of what we have raised and spent this year.

The 'Friends' Fundraising year began very quickly after the AGM with a Bingo night on the 17th October. It was only the second one we had ever done but none the less it was a very full and eventful evening raising around £350 for the school so a very good start.

The year continued with very successful events such as our annual Christmas Fayre, Jumble Sale and lets not forget our duck race when every year mother nature likes to have a little play with us!

Our fundraising didn't stop there. We had cake sales – and boy did we have cakes to sale, not just for one day but for the next day too!!!

We had the 100 Club, kindly administered by Maggie so please can Claire pass on our thanks to Maggie. You should all have received your application forms for this year if you wish to participate – remember it can extend to family and friends.

We had Kellie selling left over stock from the Jumble Sale in February. Not only was her garage full of bags for the clothing recycling scheme but she also had a stock of clothes and bits and bobs that she sold separately. Well done Kellie for raising over £250! - in fact I think she is still going as she still has some Christmas bits to sell.

Heather still brings a smile to the gates when she comes and sells teas & coffees after the Good Work Assemblies – as always Heather thank you for your support.

I know we all play a part in all the events and I thank everyone for their help, involving early starts, tidying, tea making, cake making, feet aching, joining in, and more importantly smiling about it!!! – I could go on and on. However, I would like to make a few specific thanks to Laura for continuing to produce fantastic posters & flyers, Julian for always being in the ‘know’ and being the bridge gap between us and the village and to Claire, our Head who gets stuck in at every single one of our events – I know for a fact that not all Head Teachers from other schools do this!

We do this for the children. Because of us last year the children had a ‘free’ trip to the pantomime, they loved it so much that we have already agreed to pay for it again this year!

Parents/Carers don’t have to pay for the transport for the school trips.

And there is a new picnic bench and play hatch in the playground.

What we also do is promote the school.

So here’s to the new school year! – Along with our usual annual events we also have a couple of new events, such as a sponsored run and Quiz Night already penciled in.

Before I finish can I just remind everyone about the EasyFundraising.org.uk site. Christmas is coming and it is an effortless way of raising money for the school, with no extra cost to yourself.

I would like to step down as Chair this year. I feel I have had a role in the ‘Friends’ for quite a few years now and I feel this role needs a new body with a full bottle of enthusiasm!