

## Chairs Report 2021/2022

Thank you all for coming. For those of you who are new this evening, I want to share with you who we are and what we do. Friends of Green Lane also known as FOGL, are a group of parents who meet once a month to organise fun events for the children whilst raising money to purchase things that are not within school budgets.

Anyone can be involved in FOGL whether they are a parent of GLPA pupils, Carer, Grandparent, Aunt or Uncle etc. People can be involved as much or as little as possible. Currently we have a core group of 6 people that come to the monthly meetings, but we have a messenger group of people who like to help at an event. I will just pop a message in there for each event if we need volunteers and then it's up to them if they want to be involved. Alongside this, People may want to help just by wrapping Christmas gifts at home or making us some gift tags. It can be anything, but it will always be a really big help to us.

Within the core group mentioned above we have 3 non-committee members and 3 Committee members. The Chair, Currently Myself Suzanne Hurry. The treasurer currently Claire Pybus and the Secretary, currently Rachael Long. Each year we have to step down and be voted back into the roles or someone else is more than welcome to take on the role if they wish. This leads us nicely into the role selection. So, would anyone like to put themselves forward for either of the committee roles?

### Review of the previous year.

Well, it was the best year we have ever had!! So, lots to celebrate. We raised an impressive £10,507 which means we have finally been able to purchase the long-awaited Play equipment for both playgrounds. This is getting installed in a matter of weeks in the October half term.

We did our first sponsored event this year for the colour run which was a great success. The feedback from the colour run was that they definitely want to do it again, so we will have that in the diary for Spring/Summer.

The summer Fair was just amazing, we raised over £5000 on the day. The raffle was very popular, so we need to make sure we get on that early again this year finding prizes. The inflatables were also a hit, so we are thinking of an inflatable day in Spring. We went through all the prizes, so we need to make sure we order more next year if the weather looks good again.

Pumpkin Picking and Mini Fair was great, but the weather caused us issues, so we are going to give it a miss this year.

The easter egg hunt was a bit of a failure. Parents and children didn't have a clue what they were looking for and the weather was freezing so they didn't have any interest in finding them either. We are not going to do this event this year as we would rather do something the children will get more enjoyment out of.

Match funding this year has been amazing. We really need to push this more this year.

Overall, an incredible year for FOGL.

We will be making some changes to the usual events this year as said above, mainly to mix it up for the children. One change being, bringing back the Discos. We need to raise approximately £10k to get the all-weather flooring down around the play equipment (old and new) and the exercise equipment so the children can use them all year round as the ground gets very wet and muddy in winter months.

Let's hope for another successful year and some amazing events.