

FOCS Chair's Report
AGM 31st January 2018

During 2017, FOCS continued its strong support to school, helping to fund many school trips and vital equipment and resources.

The year saw many old favourite's make an appearance in our fundraising calendar, the Easter egg hunt was again very popular with families, and child continue to enjoy choosing gifts at the Mother's Day and Father's Day sales.

It was also a year where we tried new events.

We had a ladies pamper evening which was attended by supporters within the wider community. The weather didn't manage to wash out the fun had at our summertime picnic for families. We tried an outdoor school disco for the first time, with music and children's laughter vibrating throughout the village. Some of us are still recovering from the return of the Halloween disco. We also held a winter crafts afternoon which children enjoyed. And more recently we held our Health Check event, which was well attended and raised over £500.

We also tried something new with the Fete – not only changing the day it's held but also turning it into a mammoth all day into the evening fete and music event. The fete continues to be one of the biggest fund raisers of the year, and this year was no exception. The extra work involved in organising an event of this size was well worth it because of the amount raised – and seeing children enjoy themselves and parents dancing the night away to the live music.

Another big fundraiser which also needs a special mention is the enterprise challenge. It was wonderful to see so many children embrace the challenge and the imaginative ideas they had to take their £1 stake and turn that into extra money for their school.

All of the events that Friends of Clive school have held this year would not have been possible without parents volunteering to lead on organising or agreeing to help out at. I am very grateful to parents for giving up their time to raise these much needed funds for school.

I am also very grateful to all staff at school for the support they show to FOCS and the help they have given.

The events we have organised have been attended by children, parents, families and the wider community. Without this continued support these events would not have raised the significant amounts of money they have. So thank you to all who have attended the events.

My sincere thanks for the hard work and commitment of the core committee, to Clare and Tell who have been treasurer and vice chair since January, and to Jacqui who took over as secretary in September. Thanks also to Gemma Creed who was Chair from January to July.

On a personal note, I have been on the core committee for 6 years, since Adam was in reception. I have been proud of the work undertaken by Friends of Clive School and the money we have raised. However, I feel that it is time for me to step down as a member of the core committee and for other parents to lead the future work of Friends of Clive School.

Kate Bentham
Chair