

Chairpersons Annual Report 2018/19

Good evening and welcome. It is once again my pleasure to present you with the FOTA Chairpersons annual report.

Let me first start by thanking you all for giving up your time to attend today. Thank you to the Committee, to the parent helpers, the school staff and indeed Mr Welch for all of their hard work this year. Thank you to those who donated uniform, brought items for the Fairs to use as tombola and raffle prizes, who supported the events and also to the children of the school, who make this all worthwhile. As without you all the FOTA wouldn't be able to continue to function and raise the funds needed to run the events and financially support the school when needed.

The past year has been extremely busy for us all. Some committee members have had to step away due to work commitments.

As a group we ran lots of events, including Discos, Easter Bake Off & Bake Sale, Non Uniform Days, running both the Christmas & Summer Fairs, and Breakfast with Father Christmas for both KS1 & KS2.

We have supported the school with their events including providing refreshments at open afternoons, attending meetings with parents and the refreshments at the Christmas Make Morning.

Because of the amazing fundraising efforts we were able to organise and pay for the repainting of the upper playground games markings and add new games (awaiting the invoice for this work). The FOTA paid for the Year 6 leavers gifts of scientific calculators and math sets. At the request of Mr Welch we paid for new items for the Gold Box, we contributed towards the cost of ice-creams for the annual beach trip organised by the school (also buying ice-creams for the nursery children to feel included), repaired the little red bikes used by KS1 and purchased a new large outdoor guinea pig hutch. With my Facebook birthday fundraiser donations we also bought new playground toys and new tarpaulins for outside play for each class. Also, last but by no means least, the children's Christmas Cinema Trip which included popcorn and drinks for each child. As the school didn't allow the Reception class or Nursery children to attend we also supplied DVDs, Pop corn and drinks to those remaining at school so that they could have a Cinema experience too.

We applied for numerous grants to aid with works for the children but have been turned down for them all. However, Cornwall College students lead by Mr Luke Bazeley offered us unbelievable support in the form of 2 bespoke Buddy Benches that the children had been requesting. As you can see they take pride of place in the newly painted playground and look amazing.

We are working hard to try and provide the children within our school with more experiences and enrichment than they might otherwise receive. I would love for more parents to be involved with the FOTA, to feel able to voice their constructive ideas and see them through by joining in at events behind the scenes as parent volunteers or indeed take a position on the committee.

We aim to continue to move things forward though this coming year, with more Coffee Mornings, Discos, the continuation of both the Christmas & Summer Fairs, The Christmas Cinema Trip INCLUDING Reception Class for the first time at Christmas 2019 and the Breakfasts with Father Christmas as well as fundraising for 30 new scooters and safety equipment for the children. These will be 15 three wheelers for Reception/KS1 and 15 BMX style stunt scooters for KS2 as requested by Mr Welch.

Thank you all once again for your continued support and here's to a fantastic year ahead.

We might be a small school but together we are mighty!

Mrs Emma Knowles
Chairperson of the FOTA at Treverbyn Academy.