

FLS AGM. 8/10/2019

Chairs Report.

Welcome everyone, and thank you for coming to this evening's AGM.

Firstly I want to say a huge thank you to all of you who have helped and contributed in some way to the FLS this year - we would not be able to do what we do if it wasn't for such a fantastic group of volunteers. Each and every one of you bring something different to the table and we really wouldn't be who we are if it wasn't for you. So thank you!!

The objective of the Friends of Lacock School is to enrich our children's school experience. We do this by fundraising through organising fun events and activities for our children and their grown-up's, as well as aiming to create a social network of other members and volunteers. The FLS is run by a committee elected each year at our AGM - this is the only formal meeting that we annually hold, and before we launch into those formalities I would like to take a moment just to say an additional thank you to the serving PTA committee.

Tom Parry - Treasurer
Alex Creed - Vice Chair
Tiffany Hutchings - Secretary

Through their hard work and dedication to the FLS we have continued to accomplish our goals and improve upon an already very successful PTA. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Tiffany Hutchings and Simon Winfield for all of their help this past year even after their children have long since left Lacock School.

The 2018/2019 academic year was very successful where we achieved an incredible income of over £9000 which Tom will expand on shortly. It really is amazing that such a small school has the opportunity to tap into this incredible amount of money.

Some of the key events that we have held include:

- Bonfire night - A great event which was sorely missed the previous year, and really came back with a 'bang' with the fantastic addition of the Dutch barn. Again a huge thank you to Pete and all at Owl Lodge for enabling us to host this treat for the children.
- Christmas Pantomime- Providing the whole school with the opportunity to visit the pantomime with minimal cost to parents and carers.
- Duck Race and Easter Egg Hunt - A gorgeous event which would not be possible without the generosity of Mrs. Naylor-Leyland who lets us use her beautiful garden and provides chocolate eggs for all of the school children to find. Thank you so much to Mrs. Naylor-Leyland.
- The Scarecrow Trail - The fundraising highlight of our academic year, weeks and weeks of preparation go into the planning of this which continues to improve year on year. We had some fantastic feedback from the 2019 trail, and hopefully 2020 will be the best one yet! Again, we would not be able to run this event without the

support from the Lacock villagers, the National Trust and our huge group of volunteers who contributed in a variety of ways, so a huge thank you to everyone enabling us to raise such a huge chunk of our money from this event.

- Lacock at War - This was the first year that the FLS assisted the WI and Lacock at war selling hot drinks, and all went without a hitch thanks to the organisational prowess of Georgina Doel. Thank you to George and to all of the volunteers who went down to help out.

It is obvious from the above as-well that it is not only the FLS who volunteer their time and resources to enrich the children's' experiences, other members of the community are also invaluable to the success of the FLS.

At the start of last year Mr. Hearn approached us with what seemed like an endless list of requests, and I am delighted that as a PTA we were able to agree to the majority of these. This year we have spent some of the money raised on:

- School Equipment- including staff and pupil resources
- Transport Costs - to and from various local events
- The Christmas pantomime - now a Lacock School staple tradition
- Library Refurbishment - We are still waiting to re-floor the library, however the refurbishment began in the spring and I want to extend a huge thank you to Charlotte Johnson for co-ordinating this.

In closing I would like to say that it has been an honour to serve on the Friends of Lacock School committee, and I hope that we see many new faces this year. I can't wait to see what the FLS can achieve this coming academic year, after all, we are all doing this for the benefit of our very own children.

THANK YOU

Emily Parry

Chair - Friends of Lacock School

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