



Chair's Report 2022-2023

CHIPS has had an extremely successful year with some challenges, mainly as in previous years, around support from parents at events. We are very grateful to everyone that did support CHIPS with events and very grateful to the teaching staff at school who provided extra support to make some events work. A really big thank you to Mrs Hosmer who has been incredibly supportive and has been very hands on with events even roping in family members to support us. We are extremely proud of the work everyone has put in this year which helped us raise a massive **£11,289.54**. With the funds we have raised, we have already been able to give the school £9,000 which has been used for various school resources (please see treasurers report for exact details)

Our key successes this year were as follows;

- Christmas market, Raffle and Elfridges
- Summer Fayre
- Disco's
- Coronation

Our Summer Fayre was a fantastic event even though we didn't get the sunny weather we wanted. With a huge donation of TY Beanies from a CHIS parent we were able to make the summer fayre our most profitable one to date. We were also lucky to have local companies sponsoring the event and a parent who worked for Lloyds bank getting fund matching from them for working on a CHIPS stall. The whole event including raffle and the £500 fund matching raised a massive £4,153.42.

Our Christmas events were a success, these included the Christmas market, raffle and Elfridges. For the Christmas market we were joined by many external vendors. The event night fell on an England football game and was the same night as Lee On The Solent Christmas events which meant attendance was lower than normal. Feedback received a while after the event was that the CHIPS sweet cones and other items were too expensive, this would be something to consider next year. We also had feedback that the event was not for children and there was nothing for the children to do, this feedback should also be considered when planning next Christmas. The raffle was a great success, the team did an amazing job getting raffle prizes which is no mean feat in this economic climate. Elfridges was great and the kids loved picking gifts for loved ones, feedback received is that we need to consider the older boys category when purchasing gifts. We found buying in bulk from a wholesaler was much easier than the stress of going to shops looking for suitable gifts. Christmas raised a profit of £2,159.80

We had two discos which were so much fun, the children absolutely loved them and we had great success with volunteers at these events too. The highlight was the outdoor disco in the summer with the ice lollies! We had some issues with DJs letting us down meaning we had to use a more expensive professional DJ however we still made a profit of £794

We only managed one cake sale this year but we were absolutely overwhelmed with the huge amount of wonderful cakes that were donated to us. This combined with uniform sales managed wonderfully by Katie Ryder raised £207.85

Film clubs really don't work nowadays, these were very successful a few years ago before everyone had Netflix and Disney, now the children have already seen most films and it was hard to keep their attention, we managed 2 film clubs, these raised £349.40. The added challenge now is the after school club using the

school hall. Film club will need to be assessed next year but with the added challenge of getting helpers It may be that film club should be retired.

The Kings coronation event was truly lovely and we are so proud of the wonderful art work that was produced and sold. The event would not have happened without the wonderful teachers at school. With our sale of the art work we raised £360.99 with the added bonus of our school community all being the proud owners of unique portraits!

Thank to the support from those parents that play the Your School Lottery, we raised £639.50 for the school. If we could encourage more parents to support this we could raise even more next year.

We also received a very generous donation of £1,000 from a family of a year 2 child from their business Cantab. Thank you

CHIPS exists for two purposes, as outlined in our constitution; to raise funds for the school and to enhance the learning experience for the children. Whilst fundraising is the more obvious PTA goal, we have also worked hard to provide experiences outside of the classroom to help school feel even more varied and exciting. CHIPS has provided the school with money which has allowed us to subsidise the cost of the travelling theatre production, making the day accessible to all families. We also purchased gifts for each child from Santa.

A PTA is a team effort, and a big thank you to my wonderful co-chair Alice who has performed miracles to ensure events can happen, money is counted and we are all on track, without her we would not have had the huge success we have had. A massive thank you to the other members of CHIPS, Michelle, Caroline, Emma and Gemma for everything they have done to make the year a success but we have struggled this year with volunteers and more committee members. CHIPS can only continue to exist and provide the school with the much-needed funds with support of all parents and staff, I would like to urge everyone to consider how you can support us, big or small, we desperately need your help.

Unfortunately I will be stepping down from my role as co chair and treasurer as work commitments now mean I can no longer dedicate as much time as I would like but I would like to thank you to everyone that has supported CHIPS through 2022/23 and everyone that has supported me over the last 4 years. I hope CHIPS can improve on the great success we had and aim for a bigger profit next year.

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Co chair 2022/23