



## **Friends of Slingsby School Chair Report AGM Thursday 17 October 2024**

Thank you to everyone for joining us tonight at our new venue for this year and a special thank you to Andrew and Fran for hosting.

Well, we've had a fantastic year of fundraising! As Lisa will explain in the Treasurers report, the total funds raised were £11,700, which is an amazing amount of money. I really can't express how grateful I am to everyone who has stepped up to take on the running of events and supported the team. Whether that was organising an event or labelling up a tombola, it has all come together to make a huge difference. This total is a reflection of what can be achieved when everyone works together and confirms how lucky we are to have a school and community that supports the events we hold.

At the end of the school year the team agreed to donate £11,000 to school and hold back some funds to invest in equipment for our events.

The donation to school has given the opportunity to continue with music provision for all the children of Slingsby school, which thanks to Mr Smith's speedy organisation, we were able to announce before the summer break and it was a lovely way to end the school year.

We have continued to develop our events, with the new 'Frozen Fridays' which proved very popular and adding to our larger events including the bar at the Slingsby May Day celebrations and the refreshments, BBQ and Ice Cream stall at the Duck Race.

We are incredibly lucky to have parents in school who are supportive and offer their time and skills which has no doubt made a huge contribution to our increase in fundraising at our large events and so I must give a special mention to Andrew and Fran, Paul and Laura.

The dates are finalised for this years calendar which gives us a great start and I am hopeful that we can continue to build up the team with new committee members which will share the load and the knowledge to allow us to continue the fundraising and the organising of events into the future.

I'd like to give thanks to Gemma and Steph who have agreed to become first-time committee members. We welcome Rachel who has made the decision to formally join the committee and Miss Pearce who is joining us as a school representative. This year we say farewell to Sonja and Nicola who are stepping down from the committee and I hope you will join me in acknowledging the generosity, hard work and commitment both Sonja and Nicola have made across the last few years. Thank you to them both.

Thank you also to school for joining us tonight and for your continued support and encouragement in the arrangement of our events.

As we begin our new fundraising year I feel positive about the year ahead, we have a brilliant team, good relationships with the local community and I'm looking forward to working together to create enjoyable community events and a successful year of fundraising.

Thank you