



## **Friends of Lavant Primary School AGM 16<sup>th</sup> October 2024 Chair's Report**

Another hugely successful year of fundraising for our school. Despite a smaller committee, we managed to throw a brilliant Christmas Fair, 2 jumble sales, a Summer social after the school production (with BBQ!) cake sales, hot chocolate Friday, Easter Egg Hunt, Welcome Picnic and Mothers & Fathers Day sales. Reluctantly we did have to cancel our Quiz Night, and concluded that it was just bad luck that it was planned on a Friday night where a lot of people already had plans.

Whilst our committee is small, we have continued to encourage support amongst the school community and many parents are still happy to help at events but are reluctant to commit to joining the Friends. This has put pressure on a small few to 'lead' events and plan.

We were delighted to be able to offer each class £500 again last academic year to help fund the little extras classes need throughout the year. We have also been able to fund a Pheasant theatre trip for the first time, and hope to be able to fund more class trips in the future to enrich the children's school experience. Other things we have been able to contribute towards (and in some case fund entirely) include the new Early Years Play area, the performance of Shrek, SATs breakfast, Year 6 Hoodies, books for all the children at Christmas, Easter Eggs, plants and wood chip for the school grounds, Year 6 leavers BBQ.... among other smaller things.

During 2023\_2024 we received a series of donations from the school community including one-off £50 donation, £1200 (over 12 months) and £500. We were also gifted £500 from the Lavant fete committee for our work at the fete in June.

During 2023\_2024 I focused on getting our paperwork organised and digitised, and processes in place so that we have a paper trail for every outgoing expense, invoice and correspondence. As I hand over the Chair reigns for the rest of the 2024\_2025 year and beyond, I hope I'm leaving the committee in a good position.

**Polly Peart  
October 2024**