**Friends of St James Primary School Weybridge**

**Chairperson’s Report**

**End of Academic Year 2018/19**

This report marks the end of our first year as co-chairs of the Friends of St James, and we would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone in the school community for your support this year. We started the year as three parents who took on the roles simply because no one else did. We had little clue on the workings of a school PTA, so had to start completely from scratch. Without the help and support of the whole school community we would not have been able to achieve the fundraising total that we have done.

That total has now crept up to just over £38,000, which is amazing! An official Treasurers Report for the year will be produced by Lindsey Roberts.

Our popular events that raised impressive funds were the Christmas fair (£7036), Summer ball (£6200), Disco (£1215) and the tea towels (£1258). Thank you to everyone involved in making all of our events happen, and of course for those attending and supporting.

Going forwards to the 2019/20 school year, Kirsty Bostock will be taking a step back from the Friends' to concentrate on what is set to be a busy year of her Midwifery degree. I'm sure you will all join me in saying a massive thank you to her for dedicating so much time and effort to the Friends' this year, and all the best for the rest of her degree.

Both Kamela Prevett and I are in a position to continue on as Co-chairs and we also have Ian Henderson taking over as our Treasurer, which is great news.

Kamela will continue to organise the smaller, but equally important, events such as Mother's Day/Father's Day stalls, Halloween/Easter raffles, Bags2School, and Mum's Drinks.

And I will be happy to continue as co-chair providing I can drum up support for the bigger events which I simply cannot take on alone.

I am really pleased to announce that a few lovely groups of parents have already come forwards to organise some of our biggest events next year, including the quiz night, the Summer Ball, and the Christmas fair. This is fantastic news, and we are extremely grateful.

However, we are now looking for small teams to help with our other events, such as the gin night (or beer fest), AGM, the school disco, and the summer fair. If you would like to get involved, this is the perfect opportunity to put your own stamp on one of our wonderful events. So grab a group of likeminded parents, and step up to take on just one event between you.

We have put out a communication to all in the school community requesting to kindly contact stjamesfriends@gmail.com if you can help.

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PTA Co-Chair