

Chair's Report

Friends of Barnoldswick C of E School

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The Friends have continued their support of Church school by raising money and organising social events for the benefit of pupils, parents and staff to enhance the education of its pupils. This school year was again a successful year of events and raised a total of **£4803.28** through various events throughout the year.

A very big thank you to those members who have managed to spare their time to fulfil leading roles within the organisation; our Vice chair, treasurer, Advertising/PR team and refreshment team.

I would also like to recognise all those parents/supporters of the school who gave up their valuable time to attend the meetings and help at our organised events. The help is greatly appreciated from our team of dedicated helpers and those who cannot make the meetings yet still offer their valuable help at our events on the day. Your help is greatly appreciated and vital to the continuity of our fund-raising programme.

I would like to thank Mrs Ellis, Miss Moulden and the staff who have volunteered their time to events run by the Friends and for their continued guidance in utilising the funds raised for the enrichment of the children's school experience.

Over the last couple of years we have struggled to recruit new members who are willing to attend meetings and volunteer at events. This has led to increased workload and pressure on the existing members. At the Christmas fair, in particular, we had to remove stalls as we could not man them. In light of this, the decision has been made to trial a change to events this coming academic year. There will be no Christmas Fair but in its place three 'themed' discos spread over the school year. The Sponsored event and Summer Fair will continue as usual. We will continue to focus on promoting the Friends of Church School and hope to recruit new members but for this year we must also be realistic in managing our events with the current team that we have.

May I take this opportunity to thank all those involved for your hard work and support this last year and look forward to another enjoyable and profitable year of fundraising for 2019/2020.