



## CHAIRS REPORT

2021/2022

The role of the BSA is to develop effective relationships between the staff, parents and others associated with the school. We engage in activities, provide facilities and equipment which supports the school and helps to advance the education of the pupils at Brighstone Primary School.

During the last year we have ensured that our committee has been run with elected officers and committee members. All our decisions have been made in line with our constitution.

What an eventful year we had. We have had to deal with the ongoing Covid rules that were in place when school started back in September and the rising cases on the island at Christmas which put a hold to our Christmas Fair.

We started last year with a successful relay race, pumpkin carving, and a school disco, where nearly every pupil attended. We sold personalised tea towels, sold items online in the pop-up shop, held the secret present room and did a online video for the raffle draw, thanks to Franki and Robyn. We managed to run our Mother's Day shop, hold our 2<sup>nd</sup> teas at the Open Gardens at Northcourt in April and ran our first bingo night. We ran our successful tea tent and childrens crafts at Wolverton in May, sold cream teas for Father's Day, held our first playground preloved uniform sale and cooled the children down with frozen Fridays. We topped the summer off with our summer sizzler and stall at the horticultural show.

We received some lovely feedback from parents from our family bingo night. Everyone seemed to have a great time and would love us to run another one. Running the Tea Tent at Wolverton was a learning curve for us all, who knew so many people would come! We pulled it off but I think we all know that we need to tweak a few things if we have the opportunity to run it again.

Our school community came together at the end of the summer term and supported our Summer Sizzler, lots of families came to enjoy a couple of hours on the field, who knew that we would even run out of sausages! Parents fed back that they had a lovely evening, the atmosphere was great and had lots of fun. Someone commented that the sausages were the best they had tasted, that must have been down to Kirsti's expert cooking skills. We had feedback saying that the stalls and prizes were great too.

Parents have also fed back that they like the idea of us having regular preloved uniform sales. These will continue, 3 every year.

All of these events couldn't have been run without all of your support and dedication to help raise funds to enhance the childrens learning, I thank each one of you.

We have been lucky to have the continued support of Dave Hollis at the Village shop, who has raised money for us through running in the relay race, letting us sell reindeer food at Christmas. He also asked us to run the tea tent at Wolverton. Ruth who manages the Three Bishops pub has also supported us with allowing us to run the Pumpkin Carving competition in the pub garden. Sammie who used to manage The Crown Inn, very generously donated all the ticket money sales from their childrens Halloween disco to the BSA.

The staff at school have been supportive to the BSA this past year by providing advice and supporting our events. Without them we would have struggled to pull off some events where parent helpers were very low. Kirsti and Rebecca, I ask that you pass on our thanks to the team at Brighstone for their ongoing support. We really appreciate it.

We have managed to enhance the pupils education last year by helping to pay towards residential trips, coach travel, garden tools and workshops. We bought the children ice creams, leavers hoodies, residential t shirts, easter eggs, Christmas gifts and helped towards the Year 6 leavers celebrations. We also managed to raise enough money to contribute towards replacing the Trim Trail in the field. I am pleased to say that the school has been successful in their grant application to fund the rest of the trim trail, which is fantastic news, we are just waiting to hear when the date has been booked for instillation.

As a committee we have discussed and approved staff fund requests in meetings and via our Messenger chat group. Receiving a copy of the long-term overview of visits and trips from the school has been beneficial, this has given

us a guide to how much money we need to raise throughout the year to ensure we can continue to financially support families at the school. I'm sure the school have lots of ideas of equipment that they wish to purchase, or facilities they wish to update. The BSA would find it useful to know the schools 'wish list' and to work with them to see what projects we could help apply for grants or raise money for.

Here we are with a new school year ahead of us and already we have had the annual relay race and run the teas at the Open Gardens again at Northcourt. To make this year a success I need your continued support to come up with fund raising ideas and to take the lead in running some of them. I am aware that our school community is much smaller than it once was, and we need to continue to pull together and encourage others to get involved to make this year another success.

Plans for the coming year:

- Pumpkins/disco at The Three Bishops. Waiting for Ruth to confirm.
- Christmas Raffle – we all need to start collecting prizes (possible mufti to gather raffle prizes) Idea of pre printed tickets to go home if we get good prizes.
- Christmas Disco and small Christmas market. Ideas for the market are needed. (Drinks/sweet treats/wreaths/bottle lights/reindeer food).