



## CHAIR'S REPORT

2022/2023

The role of the BSA is to develop effective relationships between the staff, parents and others associated with the school. We put on fundraising events, provide equipment and reduce the cost of trips, 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 another rewarding year we have had. We started the last academic year with another successful relay race with Melissa Jones and Lucy Brodie stepping up to organise the runners. September also brought us running the teas at Northcourt open gardens and running a uniform sale. We held our annual pumpkin carving competition alongside the autumn disco in The Three Bishops pub in Brighstone. This had mixed reviews and it was decided that discos need to return to the school hall. Christmas brought us our mini market in the playground and wreath making workshops, a Christmas disco, and a very success raffle, which again we drew live on Facebook. We sold preloved Christmas jumpers, held the secret present room (sold 150 gifts [171-2021]), and sold reindeer food in the village shop.

The spring term started with the exciting change in the field of the new trim trial being erected. It was great to see it finally being replaced and the children were so excited to be able to start playing on it. We also ran our Mother's Day shop, where we sold 52 gifts, which was a slight decrease from the year before where we sold 69. We put a preloved uniform rail up by the school office rather than in the playground. Keeping the rail up for a few weeks at a time seems to work well, as it is available for all to go and have a look whenever it suits. This is something we have now adopted rather than having the playground sale.

The summer term went by in a flash. We ran our successful tea tent at Wolverton in May, held a Father's Day shop (43 gifts sold), sold tea and cake at the open gardens at Northcourt in June. We had our pop-up plant sale running towards the end of the summer term and finished the year with our Summer Sizzler. It was unfortunate that the Brighstone Summer Show was postponed then cancelled due to poor weather, as this was a missed opportunity to raise further funds.

We received some lovely feedback from parents from our Christmas mini market and disco. Everyone seemed to like the atmosphere in the playground and the relaxed disco with Christmas hats. We thank Melissa for her amazing party entertainer skills and the staff for helping to run the disco while committee members were out in the playground.

Our current team ran the tea tent at Wolverton for a second year and Girl Guiding helped us run the children's crafts. We increased the stock of our items to sell and did a roaring trade in punch balls (selling all 96), inflatable guitars and saxophones, and nearly sold all 300 lucky dip prizes. Our left-over cake was greatly received by the Food Bank. A massive thank you goes to Sarah and Mike for looking after the toilets and keeping them clean and full of toilet roll; the visitors seemed very happy.

Our school community came together at the end of the summer term and supported our Summer Sizzler. This date was moved to the last day of term due to the poor weather at the last minute. Lots of families came to enjoy a couple of hours on the field, enjoy the circus skills workshop and bounce on the inflatables. Our wheel of fortune had its first outing and, after a few tweaks, seemed to be working well. Parents fed back that they had a lovely time, the atmosphere was relaxed, and everyone had lots of fun. The Year 6's seemed to like being a VIP too with their special stickers. The token system to pay for games worked well as it meant that money was only on the gate and refreshments.

All these events couldn't have been run without your support and dedication to help raise funds to enhance the children's 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 and letting us sell raffle tickets and reindeer food at Christmas. The newsagents supported us to by selling our Christmas raffle tickets. Ruth, who used to

manage the Three Bishops pub, supported us with providing the entertainment for the autumn disco and allowing us to run the Pumpkin Carving competition in the pub garden. Vintage Scoops donated £25 to us after selling ice cream at the coronation party.

Kirsti, I ask you to pass on our thanks to the team at Brighstone for their ongoing support, especially helping us to run events; we really appreciate it.

We have managed to enhance the pupils' education last year by helping to pay towards two residential trips and contributed towards seven class trips. We supported the EARA group by buying items for the Cosy Cabin, supported the school by buying items for the Calm Corner and contributed towards the new school I pads. We also paid for a theatre visit and poetry workshop. We bought the children ice poles at sports day, each child received a coronation pin badge, Year 6 had leavers' hoodies and Year 4 had residential t-shirts. Each child received an Easter egg and Christmas gift. We also helped towards the Year 6 leavers' celebrations. We were lucky to get approved for the Tesco Community Grant blue token voting in the Freshwater store between July and September. Voting ended at the end of September, and we are currently still waiting to see the outcome of the votes. We hope to update the school as soon as we know the result so we can replace the cooker in Ivy Bee classroom.

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.

As you are all aware, I am standing down as Chair at this AGM after being in this role for two years. I feel very proud of what we have achieved over this time and hope that someone else will be able to commit to taking over the role and continue the success of the BSA. I am conscious that our school community is still much smaller than it once was, and we need to continue to pull together and encourage others to get involved. I look forward to supporting the new elected officers and make this year another success.

Thank you everyone.

Katherine Harrison

BSA Chair