

CHAIRS REPORT

September 21st 2018

As Chair of the Friends of Davies Lane PTA I thoroughly enjoy organising and hosting the fantastic events throughout the year which not only benefit the children at Davies Lane but the wider community. We are through our efforts able to fund for additional enrichment for the children of Davies Lane. The children enjoy an annual pantomime, we contribute towards school trips to help lower costs for parents and support the school to choose trips which are not only educational but fun for the children, we have contributed towards additional and current genre books for all classrooms as well as the school library, we have contributed to update and add fun activities, games and crafts for each classroom rainy day boxes for lunch times. We will support towards the infants playground project bringing new equipment and support future projects in the junior playground.

My moto is help where ever and whenever you can as every pair of hand is vital in organising successful events.

A lot of the PTA Members and Helpers are working and are not always able to attend every meeting or help at every event but I feel that each and everyone has a vital role which makes FODL unique and each and every member supports me in making all our events successful.

Please encourage your friends and Class Parents to support the PTA as the rewards are great and we are able to raise lots of additional funds to enrich the children who attend Davies Lane Primary.

We have organised some fantastic events starting autumn 2017 with our ever so popular Curry and Quiz Night which is a great social evening and a great way to meet other parents as well as the staff. The staff and parents battle out to see, who really are head of the class!

The Annual Christmas Extravaganza in December 2017 proved to be a huge success enjoyed by children, parents, staff and the wider community. A great turn out by all and the wider community and the little elves were extremely busy in making sure there were plenty of presents wrapped for all the children when they came to visit Santa in the grotto.

The New Year 2018 kick starts with the very popular Valentines Discos for the children at Davies lane in February which are fantastic fun disco's enjoyed by all the children who attend from Yr 1 to Yr 6!!

Spring brings creativity amongst all the children with the designing of Easter Bonnets and Hats for the Parade lead by the school Band!! What fun that is for all and then enjoying some fabulous cakes and bakes from our bake sale and having a go at some games including the Egg Hunt.

In April 2018 we hosted another Curry and Quiz Night for parents and staff and yet again was very popular and enjoyed by all! A great social evening to enjoy with friends including fellow class parents and staff.

The Summer Fair which this year added plenty of drama and excitement as England were competing in the world cup and with the Summer fair already set we quickly changed our times so everyone can enjoy the event and get home in time to watch the game! A great turn out on a very hot day and England won to move on to the next round!

To finish the year off with a bang, we hosted the year 6 farewell disco and presenting each student with a gift to take with them to start their new Secondary School Adventures. We will miss them all but wish them all well for their bright futures ahead.

I can say that all this cannot be possible without the help and dedication of the Existing Committee Members, the parents and staff who support each and every event when they are able to. So a big Thank you to everyone in making all this possible.

My journey with Davies Lane is nearing the end as my youngest daughter is now in year 6 and with many years of doing what I love the most brings tears to my eyes but I know that FoDL will continue to thrive and hope that someone will take on my role and flourish and grow this wonderful adventure. I am looking forward to hosting all the great events planned this academic year and raising lots more funds to enrich all our children at Davies Lane.

I look forward to welcoming lots more parents and staff members to support the PTA to make it even bigger and better this coming year and the years to follow. All I ask is that you encourage other parents and carers to support our endeavours when and where they can no matter how little or more. Our new email contact is active so please pass on for anyone to contact us on FoDLnews@gmail.com

Thank you

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