



## Friends of Slaley School AGM 11<sup>th</sup> November 2015

### Treasurer's Report

It has been another successful year for Friends of Slaley School, with £4189 donated to the school and £1718 raised through fund raising events. In addition to this we had a large donation from the Chapman Family Trust of £5000 to go towards upgrading and refreshing the school's library. At the close of the year, the account stands at £7584.17, plus a cash float of £100.

We have had a range of successful fund raising events through the year, as detailed by Laura Black. Biggest fundraisers included the Christmas play hampers, the summer fair, the art morning, the summer camp and the sponsored walk, although there were other events also raising valuable funds through the year. A big thanks goes to everyone who supported these events, either by helping out or simply by coming along on the day.

There has been a large amount of investment in the school this year, totaling £4189. Largest investments were into storage units for the EYFS (£780) and further investment in mini ipads (£830). For the first time this year, FOSS also donated £750 towards school trips, enabling the school to expand its opportunities for taking the pupils out and about for valuable experiences by helping to cover the cost of travel and therefore reducing the financial burden on parents and the school. Among other investments were training for Mrs Hay in forest school, which is paying dividends in the school's popular forest school activities.

As we come into the following financial year we have the opportunity to invest £5000 into the library, updating the reading books and refreshing the facilities. The school now has a spend plan for FOSS funds, used as a means to ensure that investment is planned and prioritized and I hope that this will prove to be a valuable tool as the headship transitions through this year. The spend plan for this year currently totals £2340 on top of the library investment, so ongoing support for fundraising will be really appreciated!

We are also now recognized as a charity by HMRC, so I can now look into claiming back gift aid on donations through this year.

Thanks for another successful year for Friends of Slaley School

Lucy Irish  
Treasurer

