

Welcome all and after a bit of a bumpy start to the 2021/22 academic year and got underway with a number of key activities.

Following covid it was always going to be hard to get fundraising back to our former levels, but I think 1<sup>st</sup> year back we did a pretty good job and Alex will pick that up in his treasurers report.

With Christmas cards and harvest festival being our first events, these turned out to be great fundraisers and welcomed by the parents.

Luckily, we were awarded £500 from the Sawston fun run, which we will be putting towards cycle helmets for the children, this was well received by the fun run committee for the childrens' safety.

Christmas is always a big money spinner, however due to increasing covid numbers within school and the possibility of the County closing the school we took the very difficult decision to scale things back considerably. A small child friendly fair on a Friday after school, was a great success, and we worked very much in partnership with Jigsaw and split the profits, a first for FABS, and very much appreciated by the Jigsaw team. Santa visited 182 children in their own home over 6 nights and he also attended school to distribute 404 selection boxes following the school dinner. An amazing raffle followed on line, with some amazing prizes and overall we were only a small amount short of what we would ordinarily raise. We really did finish the term on a high.

Returning in the new year we still had the threat of covid looming so we waited for summer term- we had a clothing collection, which proved relatively easy and pain free, a family fun day with bouncy castles and the summer fair – whilst all financial successful, it just felt the school was coming back together after a very challenging 2 years – wonderful events.

We had a very successful quiz night – thank you Zillah

404 easter eggs successfully delivered by the easter bunny and chick

I took over as chair in late May'

We are grateful for the continued sponsorship from 'Bee Moving Soon' for our large events.

Finally we said farewell to our years 6 leavers at a spectacular leaving party

Over lockdown we have worked more closely and supported Jigsaw also and as my legacy I would ask that you continue to build on this. The children of jigsaw will work there way through to Bellbird, so it is good for them to see familiarity, friendship and support throughout the school. For me FABS is all about inclusion, everything we do is for all of the children, not certain groups

Finally a thank you after a 7 year stint, thankfully not as chair, I step down as Charlotte has now moved up to SVC. I would like to thank you all for your support and commitment to the school. Bellbird is an amazing family and I am heartened to see so many new faces this evening. A special thank you to fellow officers on the committee for making it run smoothly, although not always behind the scenes, however I leave knowing FABS is in safe hands and will continue to go from strength to strength.