

Dear Parents and Friends,

We are happy to welcome everyone back to school.

We held our AGM meeting on the 26th September, where all events have been signed off for the upcoming year. Details of all events, can be found on the school calendar, but also via your Class Reps. Please note all events are subject to Volunteers support and availability.

Link to our school Calendar below:

<https://www.greatwaltham.school/calendar-1>

I am delighted to introduce new FOGWS Committee:

Chair – Klaudia French

Vice Chair – Natasha Keeley

Treasurer – Laura Mitson & Laura Matecki

Secretary – Caroline Kiedish

Communication Rep – Liz Grimes

I would like to take this opportunity to thank, Liz Bennion for years of support as a Treasurer and Nichola Goodwin for stepping in last year and covering some of the committees' duties of a Vice Chair.

The Financial Overview showed our current balance of £19,623.08, which was increased by £5,324.56 since last year. This is an amazing result and thank you all for contributing towards this figure. It is fair to say that none of the events we are organising to raise the money would happen without the help of volunteers.

We have discussed the update on a couple of important projects from last year, which FOGWS committed to support financially. Please see the updates below:

Running Track

Nichola Goodwin met with the Property Consultant recently. The running track will be completed by Easter 2023. FOGWS have committed £6,000 to the track which has already been named after Sir Captain Sir Tom Moore.

EYFS Canopy

This is still ongoing and completion date hasn't been set. FOGWS have committed £5000 to the canopy.

Last Year we did extremely well with School Lottery. There has been many lucky winners.

To join our School Lottery please follow the link below:

<https://www.greatwaltham.school/page/?title=Your+School+Lottery&pid=44>

I would like to take this opportunity to encourage parents, family and friends to start using Easyfundraising, which could support school massively. Easyfundraising works with over 7,000 brands who donate a proportion of what is spent to the cause. This does not cost any extra for the purchaser and is a quick and effective way for the school to increase their funds. You can purchase things via brands like M&S, Booking.com, Occado, Tesco, etc. and prices on it are exactly the same as on the direct websites. Please have a look at the link below:

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/gtalthamprimary/?q=great%20waltham&cat=cause-autosuggest&searchSessionId=15bf012c-6fba-4512-8e0c-200d80c3df6c>

We have selected our amazing Class Reps for the upcoming Year, who are already doing brilliant job in communicating with individual classes.

Class Australia – Laura Matecki

Class Antarctica – Klaudia French

Class Africa – Liz Grimes

Class Europe – Jane Schofield

Class Asia – Natasha Keeley

Class North America – Jane Schofield

To improve communication even more and to prevent enquiries and complaints being directed to the office staff, we have introduced General Enquiries and Complaints Policy. We encourage all parents to make themselves familiar with it.

I hope children from Class Australia enjoyed their Book Bags we have purchased.

We are all delighted to see great use of the newly purchased by FOGWS, Smart Board for the school hall.



Events planned for the school year.

Event	Date
Cash for clothes	Revised date 3 rd & 4 th Oct 2022.
Pre loved uniform sales	20th Oct 2022
Christmas Bazaar	25th Nov 2022
Cash for clothes	2 rd & 24th Jan 2023
School disco	8 th Feb 2023
Mother's Day tea	16 th March 2023
Pre loved uniform sale	30 th March 2023
Cash for clothes	24 th & 25 th April 2023
Film night	24 th May 2023
Father's Day tea	15 June 2023
Summer fete/Party in the Playground	30 th June 2023

Thank you very much for your ongoing support and I am looking forward the upcoming year.

Kind Regards
Klaudia French

FOGWS Chair