



Friends of Titchmarsh School

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FOTS would like to thank everyone for their continued support at all the events that have been held over the last few months.

Bags2school was a great success again this year, raising over £200, which is better than last time. Huge thanks to villagers and parents for the huge quantity of clothing given.

To bring you all up to date, the Christmas Ball was a great success and a good time was had by all. We made a profit of over £1100 which will go towards much needed items and equipment for the school. As Chair I would like to personally thank all those who helped in the running of the event, including Pip Blowfield, Pauline Gambrell, Sarah Reeves, Lucy Milner, Karen Kinman and Governor Mark Lee and his wife Cathy for their help setting up and Kate Eve for arranging the great raffle prizes. A big thanks goes to Pauline's mum & son who did the bar and her mum also made & donated 2 flower arrangements, which we sold & made £34. Of course great thanks goes to those who brought tickets and attended and to those companies who support us through providing raffle prizes. Thanks also go to Melanie Skerritt for her great artwork on the posters and notes.

Other Christmas events included the carol services, at which FOTS provided refreshments and the Christmas dinner. Thanks to all who helped at the services, including Pauline, Pip, Sarah and Caroline Hope. The children's performances were brilliant and thanks also go to them and the staff for making a great event. We of course would like to thank everyone who donated mince pies for the Carol Services refreshments.

The Christmas dinner was a great event, and we were very thankful for the help from parents on the day. Everyone's help on the day was very much appreciated and everyone's offer of food and cooking was excellent. There are too many to name personally, but they all know who they are. Thanks go to Jennie Dexter who wrapped the Christmas presents that went to all the children.

The school aprons also went well with only a few left. We made nearly £200 and they turned out great. Thanks to the children and staff for the artwork and thanks especially to Libby Bowness and Caroline Hope for their fine sales techniques.

Future events are planned including:

A Beetle Drive on 7th February

Ladies Night on 13th March

School Fun day on 9th May

Village Fete on 13th June.

So please make a note of the dates and help us continue the success story and help support your school for the coming year. Remember these events are held to enable the school to buy extra equipment for the school and help towards cost of events, such as paying for the buses for the pantomime in December.

To give you an idea of what type of things your money goes to, we have recently purchased, shelf units, dictionaries, seats, Christmas presents and paid the rent of the playing field. So as you can see every penny goes to the children.

Happy New Year to all.

Tracey Levick

Chair of FOTS