

Headteacher's Report: Friends of Long Furlong (FOLF) AGM, 11th October 2021

On behalf of the whole team, I wish to thank all of the FOLF committee and volunteers for their work during an extraordinary period. Covid and the measures we have had to put in place had a significant impact upon both events for families and our fundraising. However, activities did take place and FOLF were able to make considerable donations.

I particularly wish to thank Claire and Amanda who step down as chairs of the committee; they have steered FOLF through a pandemic, worked hard and given much time and support. The matched funding Amanda obtained was particularly helpful. Tim has also been a great support over the years with the disco and events and we are grateful for all he has done. Fanny may no longer be on the committee but also organised the discos so well.

John has looked after our finances, ensuring they are audited, and we look forward to having Gift Aid resolved so we can use it when crowdfunding and for other activities such as our planned Sponsored Read over half term.

We are indebted to Teresa and Rachael for organising the 200 Club – especially as they make sure I receive my winnings! Hopefully, more will join.

We have enjoyed some virtual activities such as the balloon race, a quiz and the online raffle and while it would be lovely to see more it has been a challenge! Hopefully we can return to more activities this year.

FOLF's great achievement was enabling the playground equipment to be rebuilt – and it is both impressive and much loved by the children. This along with the other financial support given – the £125 to each class, the Year 6 Leavers' event and items for productions, as well as the ice creams for the pantomime have been appreciated by us all.

So, finally, my thanks to all our parents who are "Friends" of Long Furlong for their support during a challenging time.

Carol Dunne