



## Friends of Redhill Primary Academy - Chairperson's Report 2018-19

What a school year 2018-19 has been.

Winterfest in November saw Redhill's first ever firework display and in June we launched a brand new Redfest night for KS2 children. Two hugely successful events, both to be repeated again this year.



The Friends hosted another amazing Prom that the weather didn't spoil, I danced at two disco's, carried 60 Bags2School, sold ice creams and tickets at our new multi-payment box offices, battled with many

Avengers and Superhero's at the Summer Fayre and managed to keep my hands off the biggest Chocolate Amnesty yet!



The amazing effort the Friends put into everything we do is always rewarded by seeing the children have so much fun and looking so happy. In the academic year 2018-2019 the Friends have raised a fantastic **£9826.28**. These funds will contribute to the following: -

- New playground equipment for the Reception playground
- Towards the upkeep of the mini bus
- Transport to the Christmas Pantomime and Nursery day out

For 2019-2020 The Friends will be fundraising for a **Wellbeing Garden Room** to help our wonderful Pastoral Care Team.

Firstly, I would like to thank Mrs. Whiting and the Governors for giving me the freedom to try new ways to raise these funds and to her staff at School for their constant support. Standing in the cold selling glow sticks, running a busy BBQ and applying litres of glitter hairspray isn't always as glamorous as it may appear...but you did it well, thank you to you all.

The ladies who all work so hard to help us get our messages out in the offices, I'm so grateful to you all. To the kitchen staff that has helped me with new ideas to cater for visitors at our events, thank you.

To all the parents, carers and children at Redhill who help us make everything we do at school so much fun. You help us to put the fun into fundraising and we truly appreciate all the support that you show us each year. Thank you.

I want to add a huge thank you to Kevin Maddy, Redhill's wonderful caretaker. He not only gives up his time for us at every single event we host, but he is a constant source of knowledge and has new ways of helping us out. We truly would be lost without you, thank you.

Finally to the team of friends. I'm so proud to be part of this group of passionate people who selflessly give up their time, who work tirelessly to produce the most incredible events every year, come rain or shine. Without you, none of this would be possible. I love doing this job and you all make me look great! Thank you all.



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Our next event is the Pumpkin Party and Halloween Disco, on Wednesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> October. It's a fang-tastic evening that everyone enjoys.

As always, if anyone would like to volunteer to help at this, or any other events we host, please don't hesitate to get in touch with either myself or anyone on the Friends.