

It may have been the longest term, but it has definitely been the most eventful for The Friends and the children. We have had some truly amazing experiences for everyone and the school has received some exciting new equipment that will benefit the children for many years to come.

Thanks to the vast amount of money raised, The Friends have been able to fulfil many items of the school's wish list funding a total of **£5539.74**. This includes **£2000** towards class trips, a set of ukuleles for the whole school, 2 x trikes and road signs, new playground markings, an outdoor canopy for Willow, a woodwork station for Maple and Forest School, sensing equipment for computing and science projects for Chestnut and Oak, visiting authors for the literature festival and rugs and cushions for Chestnut to name but a few.

Our jam-packed term started with the Bags2school project. A great incentive and a fabulous way to help us all steer clear from any unnecessary landfill. Thank you so much to all those that donated to help this great cause, we raised a brilliant **£70**.

The Cauliflower Christmas Cards was a huge success. Thank you so much to Tors Clarkson for organising. It is always such a fun way to get creative in time for Christmas and the children really do love putting their own stamp on the festivities, raising an amazing **£90**.

Guess the Weight of the Pumpkin returned this year with a whopper of a pumpkin. Thank you so much to Eloise Russell for donating the pumpkin and to all the children who took part, a fantastic **£48.80** was raised.

A huge thank you to Kami Beddoe for taking the stunning pictures of the children and their Nativities. Fabulous pictures and so well put together, making an utterly amazing amount of **£200**.

New class items chosen by the teachers and paid for by The Friends

WILLOW

“Thank you The Friends. The counters really help with our maths.” -Willow Pupil

MAPLE

“We are so excited and grateful to have been bought woodwork tools for Maple Class. Woodworking sessions encompass many areas of learning and development and will be of huge benefit to the children in Maple. It incorporates mathematical thinking, scientific investigation, developing knowledge of technology, a deepening understanding of the world, as well as physical development and coordination, communication and language, and personal and social development. In addition, it develops creative and critical thinking skills which are central both in terms of imagination and problem solving as children makes choices, find solutions, learn through trial and error and reflect on their work. We can't wait to see the work that they create!” -Mrs Hopkins



OAK

Oak Class pupils enjoying their new science equipment.



Mrs McKay and the reading ambassadors organised the school's very own Literature Festival. The children got to take part in craft activities and, thanks to funding from The Friends, meet four wonderful authors, who came to read to the children and sign copies of their books for them to take home and enjoy.



'I am excited to announce that we will be hosting our very own Literature Festival on Friday 24th November. This looks set to be a really special day and, thanks to the extremely kind and generous sponsorship of our Friends of ACPS, we have been able to invite 4 fantastic children's authors to come and work with our children.'
- Mrs McKay



The Friends would like to thank the following people for all their incredible generosity and contributions to the raffles and events...

A D Rattray, Barnsley House, Anita Barrett, Olivia Brett, Beulah, Cat Stephens, Claire's Beauty Room, The Clydeside Distillery, Corn Hall Deli, Cotswold Canine Care, The Cotswold General Store, Cotswold Reindeer Herd, The Crown at Ampney Brook, Elizabeth James, G.H Knight Stationers, New Wave Fishmongers, Octavia Bookshop, Melody Payne, Sheep&Chic, Sophia Ritchie, Barbara Tompson, Walter Bull & Son, Jacqui Deller and Siamo Recruitment

The Wreath Workshop and the DIY boxes did amazingly this year. We sold 27 DIY boxes and had 22 people attending the workshop, (which is double from last year). We had incredible support from residents of Ampney Crucis, many of whom attended the workshop. The raffle raised an amazing **£243** and thanks to the impressive turnout, The Friends raised a tremendous **£1,537.91**.



One of the childrens' favourite events, the School Disco went off with a bang this year and the children all absolutely loved it! With magnificent prizes on the 'Small but Mighty' raffle, which raised a colossal **£700**, the children had games, wonderful prizes, hot dogs, a fabulous craft and quiet room and brilliant dancing, it's hard to pick a hi-light of the whole evening. So much thought and effort went in to making it so much fun for everyone and a huge thank you to all those that helped. Teamwork really does make the dream work and this was certainly evident with the disco! An incredible **£1163.88** was raised so thank you all for your support.



A real treat this term was being able to help fund the school trip to the Pantomime to see Mother Goose at the Everyman Theatre in Cheltenham. Before the children went to the Pantomime, the Friends funded a workshop, held by the Everyman Theatre, for the younger children. This was to walk them through the story and what they might expect on the day.



It was a great introduction for the children and made them feel at ease and excited for the show. How incredibly lucky, to get to see the pantomime in such a mammoth setting and be able to enjoy it from prime seats with a delicious ice cream at the interval, the full pan-to experience. There was a buzz of excitement from all the children on return and many a creative reenactment of Tweedy dressed up as Mother Goose.

A huge thank you to Sarah Barker for taking on the gargantuan task of being Santa's little helper and organising the children's letters to Father Christmas. A massive feat that was met with the most incredible care and personal detail. It has left each child feeling seen and heard and very excited about Father Christmas.

We have had great success this term with the class cake sales. This term we had Oak, who raised **£170.40**, Chestnut, raising **£181.15** and Willow, who raised **£153.25**. Absolutely brilliant and thanks to all for helping.

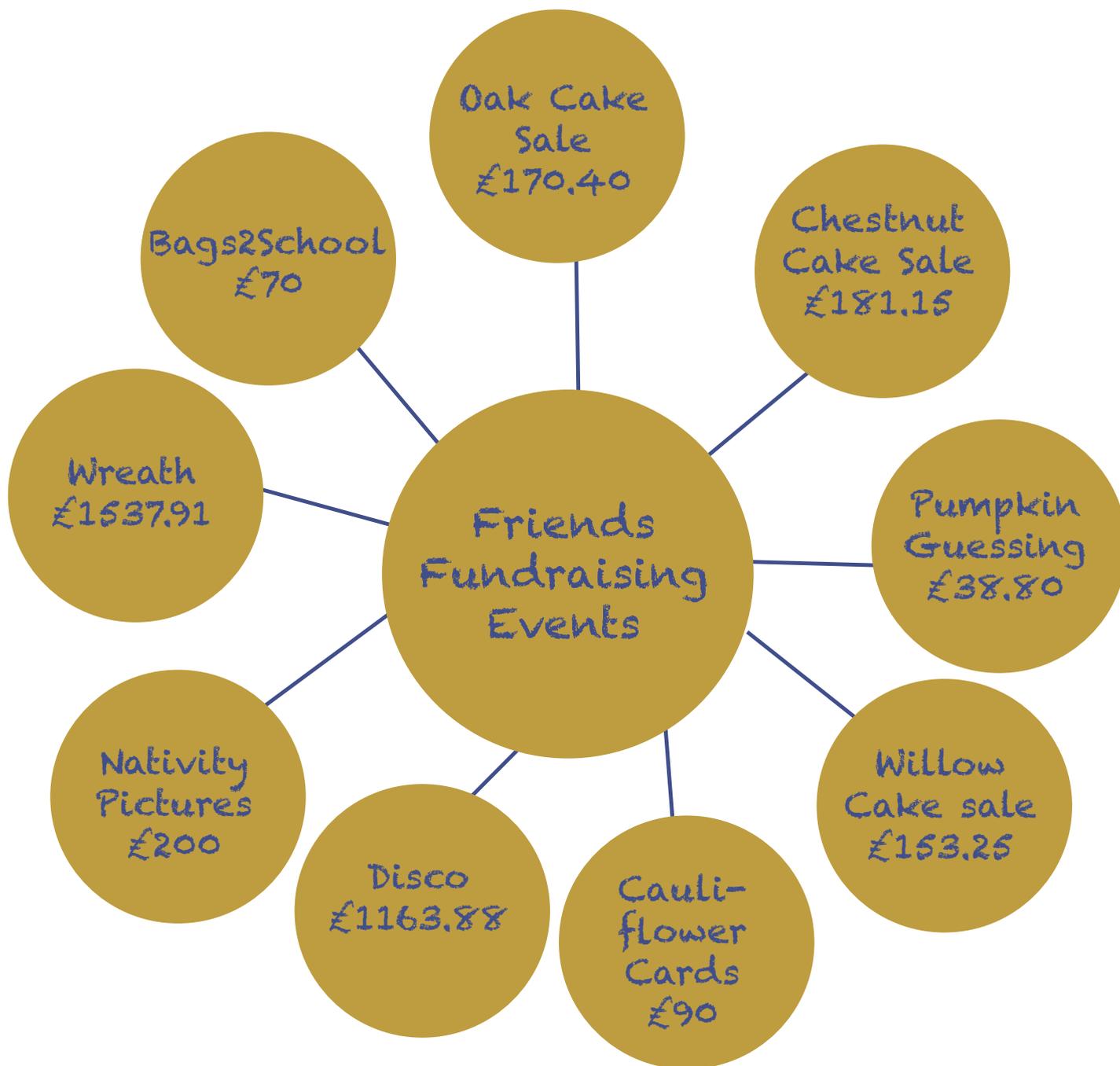
Sadly we say a farewell to May Ritzén (Chair), Carrie Pearce (Vice Chair) and Allie Welch (Treasurer). They have worked extremely hard over the last year and this change will take effect as of next term.

Without these roles being fulfilled, The Friends will unfortunately fold, so if anyone is interested or would like to know more about these roles, please email friendsofampneycrucisschool@gmail.com

"I have thoroughly enjoyed being Chair. I hope we leave having enriched the children's time at A. C. School. For me, my time with The Friends has been about raising money to give the children experiences that they would otherwise not have had the opportunity for and I want to thank the amazing team of parents that make up this committee for all their unwavering support. Thank you."

-May Ritzen Chair of Friends

We hope you all have a wonderful time over the Christmas holidays and thank you again.



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£3605.39



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