

Date: 13 January 2015

## **FCGS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - 13 JANUARY 2015**

### **Chairman's Report**

1. I am extremely encouraged by the progress FCGS continues to make to establish itself as a fully functioning Friends of the School group. We have agreed that our main focus on fundraising will be the Summer Fete and the Christmas Bazaar with other smaller scale activities such as the Christmas production. We did try to organise wider events such as quiz nights; however, there was not much take up and therefore it was agreed that it would be better to channel our efforts accordingly. The Financial Report will be provided separately; however, we can be very proud of the funds raised during both the Summer Fete and the Christmas Bazaar events.
2. We are now a registered charity with an established Constitution. Furthermore, Alan Rose the School's business manager has registered the school for Gift Aid which means we can claim an extra 25p on every pound of personal donations (as long as certain stipulations are met).
3. The parental involvement at committee meetings has improved which will hopefully continue into 2015 and help relieve some of the pressure on the staff. The recruitment of Lisa Cooke has been a big step forward and a demonstration of how the school is extremely committed to improve relationships and communications with parents. So, when you look at the 2 main objectives of the FCGS Constitution (detailed below), it is clear that FCGS activity is succeeding in meeting these objectives.

### **FCGS Objectives**

- a) Developing effective relationships between staff, parents and others associated with the school.
  - b) Engaging in activities or providing facilities or equipment which support the school and advance education of pupils.
4. We have developed a winning formula for the Summer Fete and the Christmas Bazaar. We will hopefully continue to improve on the funds generated at future events as we learn from the past events and keep developing the future ones. These events will continue to be the main focus of FCGS; however, there may also be other fundraising opportunities that come to light which we should be raise either at the FCGS meetings, or through the school staff, to discuss and agree at the FCGS meetings.
  5. In conclusion, it has been a very successful year and I would like to thank all those parents, and particularly the staff that have again gone the extra mile to organise, set-up and implement these successful events.

Regards,

Gareth Davies  
Chairman of FCGS