Friends of Bolney Chair report 2022.

Good evening all thank you for coming to this years FOB AGM. As always my report is to celebrate our achievements and to thank everyone who has played a part in this years success. We have raised over £19,000 with fundraising, grants and match giving. Which is amazing.

Thank you to Claire our Treasurer for her continued support and hard work over the last year, especially for staying with me to clear up the cakes in the rain after the colour run and cake sale.

Lisa I know you have had a tough year but thank you for your continued support, especially with organising the café on village day. Although Lisa has decided to stand down as Secretary she is very keen to still be involved.

I would like to thank Clem who has worked so hard in the background getting grants and all the raffle prizes for the Christmas raffle. Donating all the scones for village day but mostly helping us all by answering our constant questions.

I would like to thank all our long-term committee members Faye Graham (and Rob) for managing the bar at Vegas night, village day and this years Ball. Amanda whose children have all left the school but has continued to support us at the colour run and kindly offered to help at future events.

Lacey thank you for supporting Lisa with writing the minutes. For organising the setup of the village and supporting with all the fundraiser.

Danielle thank you so much for your support and creating the wonderful tea towels that raised a massive £595.

Gill and Dawn for your match giving donations once again this year.

Sophie for your role as Vice Chair and taking the photos at the Vegas night.

I would like to welcome our new members including Claire, Matt, Mel and Zoe.

 Thank you to the following people for taking on the role as year group communicator, it has really helped me having other people to pass on information so thank you.

YR Emma Small

Y1 Lacey Fox

Y2 Danielle Elphick

Y3 Nanya Patel

Y4 Carly Messham

Y5 Claire Palling

Y6 Lou Lovett

So what have we done this year, we finally got to have our Vegas night and what a fab night it was, it was well supported and we raised over £3,700 that night.

Sadly, due to covid restriction at the end of last year we couldn’t have a Christmas fair so we organised the Santa run and had the Christmas raffle.

We had a very successful Quiz night organised by Dawn and Posh Bob with an amazing turn out of approx. 90 people, we filled the whole of The 8 bells and truly grateful to them for letting us host it there.

As I mentioned the children designed their own wonderful tea towel to celebrate the Jubilee which raised a lot of money for the school.

Village day was a great day, the café was a success and the stalls were good fun and raised money, thank you to everyone that volunteered to help. A special thank you to Thermoserv for sponsoring the bar. Clem, Claire, Sophie and Faye for all their hard work with the programme.

Lou Lovett for organising the football goal sponsored by More than cars.

We are now in the final preparation stage for this years big fundraiser The Glitter Ball, let’s hope we can make this a fabulous, fun evening. Not forgetting we are able to have our Christmas Fair this year which we are all looking forward to.

Where has all the money been spent? On enrichments for our children. We have funded a music programme, purchased new keyboards, 20 new ipads, every child received an easter egg at the egg hunt, we paid for the dinosaur, space doom for the whole school to enjoy, resurfaced the quiet area and continued to support the school with Curriculum resources, coach travel, reading dog and we are very much looking forward to KS2 enjoying Young Voices in January which we have subsidised and purchased the children the t-shirts and torch pack.

This brings me to the end of my 3rd annual report and my last one after 3 years of being Chair I have made the decision to stand down, in my time I am so proud to have raised over £44,000 for Bolney School. I could not have done this without the wonderful committee I have worked with over the years. We have achieved so much in the last 3 years especially considering we had Covid!

I am sad to leave just as Ms Lofthouse has taken over as Head because I know she has some exciting ideas for fundraisers but I feel I have done my time, the hours I have put it to make this a success as I sit her at 2320 writing this report! I am going to enjoy being on the other side of the cake table and enjoy the events with my children rather than them always having to wait until I have finished clearing up.

I will stay and support the new chair and continue to be involved so you have not got rid of me completely just yet! Finally Thank you to each and everyone of you who has helped by volunteering at an event or have donated it really is appreciated. And remember FOB is welcome to everyone so if you would like to get involved, please do.

I wish the new Chair and their committee all the success in the future.