

## NSA Chairman's Report for the 2015/16 year

Welcome to the AGM where we are delighted to formally acknowledge and celebrate the achievements of the NSA over the previous academic year.

This year has been the first year of the newly formed committee and we'd like to officially thank Jackie and Anna for their help and guidance over this time. The committee consists of myself as Chairman, Nicola King as Vice Chairman, Gavin Francis as Treasurer and Gillian McGrath as Secretary with the additional committee members of Alan Garnett and Colleen Palmer, we were sad to say au revoir to Celine Marsh and thank her for all her help. We are also lucky to have the continued support of previous NSA members Sarah Patrick and Tracey Mead, whose help and knowledge continues to be invaluable.

I'd like to say a very special thank you to you all, it's safe to say it hasn't been an easy year whilst we have been finding our feet but it has been very enjoyable and all your efforts and dedication are truly appreciated. I'd also like to thank Mr. Garnett and ALL the staff and also the Governors for their continued support, helping at events and getting involved. A special thank you to Mr. Coltart for all his support, along with Karen for lending us her kitchen and assisting us on Bingo Nights.

I'd also like to thank the children and their families for supporting our events and their fantastic fundraising efforts. We also supported the Colchester Accordion Showband on a number of occasions, and a special thank you goes to them for their continued support and fundraising on our behalf.

The NSA is still struggling for volunteers and new members to come forward. We have some casual helpers who prefer to help with the 'behind the scene' work, which is very welcome but we really need more people to help with events and it would be of great benefit to have some new members with fresh ideas to support the existing team.

Moving on to what we have achieved over the past year, we have raised funds by organising:

- 2 Discos
- 2 Bingo Nights
- Christmas Bazaar
- Afternoon Tea
- Summer Fete
- Quiz Night
- Regular cake stall
- The Penny Race

The NSA's fundraising has supported the Free for All Campaign this year, paid for various school trips and the Year 6 leavers outing alongside Easter and Christmas gifts for the children. This coming year I would like to see us put some specific fundraising goals in place for items such as new equipment and perhaps we could ask the teaching staff to put forward bids with their requirements.

Finally, I'd like to conclude my report by saying that all the time and effort that is put in by everyone to support the children and school community at North Primary and Nursery is invaluable and I really hope that this year we do see an increase in helpers, with ideas for new events, support for the existing committee and a determination to raise money for the benefit of the children who are currently here and those in the future.

Thank you