

Hazlewood Go (Friends of Hazlewood PTFA)

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Hazlewood GO Annual General Meeting Chairmans report

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To all Teachers, Parents, Guardians and Care Givers

This year has been a very difficult year with the transition we've endured.

We've on-boarded a new set of trustees due to the resignations of the previous administration. This has made the administrative work very difficult and restrictive but tenacity and determination of our team is amazing and huge credit must go to Jo Lowery, Richy Aldren, Rob Mathieson and Helen Hayes for stepping up to save the charity..

We have been restricted by the administrative burden especially with the financial elements. It took a considerable length of time to gain access to the bank accounts and set up new trustees as account holders with the ability to purchase items to run our events

It has felt like every event we host, we run into a new issue or problem which needs to be rectified with additional paperwork or ID but to our credit. We've pushed through and succeeded.

We are now in a position where we have full access to our accounts and ready to submit our returns for the year which have been hugely successful. We continue to work with our sales partner Sum-Up to make sure we have full account verification to mitigate issues taking payments. This higher account verification is a testament to our increased fund raised and support received by the school and parents at our events.

The feedback and support we've had from the school has been amazing. We've worked through the most turbulent time the school has had. The closure, the uncertainty, the marquee, the issues with food, no school hall. This has been without a doubt the hardest thing for anyone to endure.

As teachers, as parents and as trustees. All we've aimed to do, is give our kids the best experiences under extreme circumstances and hopefully show that there are people out

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there who'll go above and beyond and which may inspire new future volunteers going forward.

Highlights for this year from a school's perspective is the end of the marquee and the return of the school hall. Something I hope we can utilise in for fundraising through the winter.

For us as a newly formed charity committee, every event we've done has been greatly received, the polar express was met with great feedback despite it being in the marquee, the mother's day coffee morning had great feedback with it being a free event which some parents were shocked at, and the Fusion Fundraising event for the cup final led to our biggest single donation for the charity.

The colour run was a tremendous event, something I think we can build on for next year by involving more parents and care givers in the event.

And finally our carnival; This is our flagship, biggest event and really well supported, the introduction of the catering van by Beef and Leaf was well received and also the charity being able to fund the inflatables reduced the need for any upfront cost and is something we are really proud of.

Based on feedback, we've introduced a monthly donation facility which is creating a new passive income source allowing people to contribute who cannot normally attend our fundraising events. You can access the link to this via our website and any donations you can make are really well received. www.hazlewoodgo.com

This is all supporting our ethos and aim which is to always to try and make as many events as cheap as possible and give our kids the best experiences they deserve.

Keith Alexander

Chairman, Hazlewood GO