



The Friends of Ditcham Park School

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Good evening and welcome to all parents, both old and new, to this, the Friends of Ditcham Park School's Annual General Meeting.

The aim of the FDPS is to raise money to spend on the children in ways that support the teaching and learning experience at Ditcham. These items are intended to support and enhance the children's curriculum, for example, the provision of a SkyWatcher telescope, plaster plate moulds for the art department as well as a portable mixing desk with speakers and £13,000 spent on outside gym equipment.

We also aim to provide children with fun extras such as guest speakers, cultural days, Family Sports Evenings as well as providing every child with a chocolate egg at Easter time, delivered by the Friends Easter Bunny and the mad hatter (also known as uppers teacher and deputy head of juniors – Mr Ainsworth).

Annual Christmas and May Fayres take place and all children and families are encouraged to join in by holding their own stalls, helping out in our themed cafés and having a lot of fun.

We host an annual Halloween Party for all children in classes Reception through to Middles, where this very room is transformed into a spooky setting for fun and entertainment. Outside, ghosts float in trees and pumpkin lights flicker, Ditcham really does lend itself to Halloween.

Future plans for the FDPS include bingo and quiz evenings, the Halloween party and our grand Christmas fayre.

And, hot off the press, we are now able to start preparations for 2019's Family Sports Evening and Camp Out which will be held here in June.

It goes without saying that these events just could not take place without the support of parents and staff. So we invite you to join us, either on the committee or as helpers at certain events. However, much spare time you have for us is greatly appreciated by the school community as a whole. It's also a fantastic opportunity to make new friends and be part of what makes these events really special.



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You will see that there are forms to fill in if you wish to become part of our team, please feel free to hand them to any of our committee members or buddies.

In the meantime, please sit back and enjoy these short films highlighting what the Friends are all about.

I hope you enjoy the rest of the evening; we have guest speakers from juniors and seniors here at Ditcham, as well as the very exciting gin tasting experience.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their continued support with the Friends of Ditcham Park School.

I will now hand you over to Denise Allen for the Treasurer's report.