

## FOWI NEWS Autumn 2016

#### THANK YOU HELEN & GINA

After recently stepping down from their positions as co-chairs, we would like to thank Helen and Gina once again for all of their fantastic work in leading FOWI since March 2015, during which time they have established a great calendar of events and led fundraising of nearly £40k in only 18 months - what an amazing achievement.

Thank you to ALL involved in fundraising efforts for the school – it is very much a team and parents effort.

### **WELCOME MELANIE & LUAN!**

A warm welcome to Melanie Lottering and Luan Wheeler who have now been elected to take on the roles of co-chair. Melanie's daughter Michaela is in Chestnut and Luan's daughter Hannah is in Ash. Melanie and Luan are excited about leading FOWI and welcome all to be involved, in any capacity – from having a role on the committee or overseeing the organisation of an event, to helping with smaller jobs like counting sweets, sorting out second hand uniform or doing a stint on the bar at an event!

#### WHAT DIFFERENCE IS BEING MADE BY FOWI FUNDRAISING?

- £50k+ funds raised from Feb 2014 to July 2016!!
  - £27k in Jan-Dec 2015, £14k Jan-July 2016
- £41.7k spent on a brilliant new early years playground and forest school area
  - PlayforceWoodland Climber/Surface and Balance Beams £18.1k
  - Storage sheds £1.4k
  - Forest School £10.8k
  - Sandpit £11.4k

I like using the pulley so I can use wet sand and dry sand (Cleo)

se sand in the bucket and make sandcastles like at the beach (Alba)

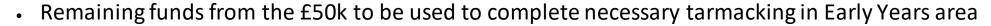


I like it when the bucket goes up and down (Alex)

£50,000

**RAISED FEB** 

14 - JUL 16



- In recent years FOWI funds have also been spent on:
  - Computer equipment £25k
  - Year 1 outdoor shelter £12k
  - New blinds throughout school (windows were all replaced) £10k
  - o Phonics books £7k
  - 。 Plus many more smaller items which benefit the children

#### <u>WHAT NEXT?</u>

£25k to fund Key Stage 1 playground development - the wooder apparatus on the main playground is outdated and needs replacing.

• Fund other smaller funding requests from the school

# NEXT TARGET £25k for KS1 playground

#### **INTERESTED IN GETTING INVOLVED?**

If you would like to get involved with FOWI in any way then we would love to hear from you....

- Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October please join us for an informal opportunity to say hello over coffee and cake with Melanie, Luan and other FOWI members in the hall/dining room after drop off.
- Alternatively please email Melanie <u>melanie.lottering@gmail.com</u> or speak to anyone else already involved with FOWI.

