



# Colchester High School Association

## AGM REPORT



2016/17

It has been another very successful year for the CHSA, with over £15,000 distributed back to the school during the 2016/17 academic year. Our two big events, the Christmas Bazaar and Summer Fete, raised £5,415 (profit) between them and the Christmas Present, Mother's and Father's day stalls proved to be extremely popular once again. Here is a round up of last year's events and how the money has been spent.

### Fundraising highlights

#### Macmillan Coffee Morning, September 2016

We kicked off the academic year with our Macmillan Coffee Morning and AGM. This event is intended to raise money for Macmillan but also to be a welcome event for new parents at the school, a chance to meet up with friends and get to know new people. A very big thank you to all the parents and staff who showed their support.

#### Christmas Bazaar, December 2017

Our annual Christmas Bazaar is always a really fun event for staff, parents and pupils. This year, we had new signage for the front of school promoting the bazaar that can be used year after year this was kindly donated by Darren Hall. The children's stalls were ever so popular, adding to the fun atmosphere. With fabulous Raffle prizes, Santa's Grotto and a whole host of games and activities.

A special thank you to the CHSA Senior Committee, CHS Site Team, Thomas Franks caterers, CHS and all Staff and Parents who worked so hard to organise the event.

We managed to raise an extraordinary **£3,426.00**



## Fundraising highlights (continued)

### Christmas Present, Mother's & Father's Day Stalls, December 2016, March & June 2017

Last year's Mother's & Father's Day stalls proved to be very successful, with lots of positive feedback from parents and pupils, so we ran a Christmas Present stall. With a wider range of presents to choose from, the pupils had great fun choosing their gifts. We couldn't have done it without the amazing help and support from Natalie Napier, who sourced and wrapped the presents.

We would also like to thank the senior pupils who helped to write on the labels for the younger pupils in the school. We hope you all enjoyed receiving the gifts that your children chose for you. We raised an impressive combined total of £2,290



### CHSA Egg-travaganza April 2017 & Teddy Bear's Picnic May 2017

These were new ideas for the CHSA to have multiple stalls and games and a competition for all pupils to create their own Easter Eggs or Easter Scenes. The sponsored bunny hops was great fun and we would like to thank the Sports Department for the loan of their equipment and senior pupils who helped with counting the hops and ensuring all pupils had fun. A special thank you to Natalie Napier, who sourced all prizes and created all the games for these events.

Egg –Travaganza raised **£777.00** & Teddy Bear's Picnic raised **£492.00**





## Fundraising highlights (continued)

### The New and Nearly New Uniform shop – All Year

The CHSA runs a 'New and Nearly New Uniform shop' for each phase of the school. The shop stocks brand new compulsory school items such as navy school coats, sunhats and painting aprons. We also rely on donations of good quality used uniform to supply second hand items such as jumpers, blazers, PE tracksuits, PE polo shirts, PE shorts and winter and summer dresses. All the items for sale can be viewed via the links on the CHSA section of the website and orders made via email at [CHSuniform@outlook.com](mailto:CHSuniform@outlook.com). The shop is run entirely by volunteers and all proceeds go to the CHSA.

During 2016/17 we raised £2116.45 in income.



### Sports day refreshments – June 2017

This year due to changes at the Junior and Senior venue policies the CHSA could only set up and have a refreshments stall at the Prep sports day in the Summer term. Our volunteers served tea, coffee, squash and cake (courtesy of Thomas Franks caterers) to thirsty parents whilst they cheered on their children. Thankyou to all the parents who made a donation.



## Fundraising highlights (continued)

### Summer Fete, June 2017

During the Summer Term the CHSA alternate each year between a Summer Ball for parents and a Summer Fete at the school. This year the Fete was held on a Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June after school and luckily the weather held out. We had a wonderful programme of events from many clubs within the school showcasing their skills including Irish Dancing, Fencing Club, Junior Production Club and Senior Club to name a few and many wonderful pupil stalls.

A special thank you to the CHSA Senior Committee, CHS Site Team, Thomas Franks caterers, CHS Sports Department and all Staff and Parents who worked so hard to organise the event.

We raised an incredible : **£1,989.00**



## *Items we have funded this academic year*

**In total we have distributed £15,723.77 back into the school in 2016/17.**

- ✓ Whole school – Playground shelter (built Summer 2016)
- ✓ Whole School – Wireless Microphones
- ✓ Whole school - Football Goals
- ✓ Whole school – Colchester High School Wristbands for pupils on trips
- ✓ Senior school – My Maths Subscription
- ✓ Senior school – Year 13 leavers gift – Photobook
- ✓ Senior school – Year 11 Prom
- ✓ Senior school - Netball dresses (Year 9)
- ✓ Senior School – Year 7 Gardening Club
- ✓ Senior School – Year 7 Mersea Team Building Trip – Part funded
- ✓ Senior school - Les Miserables Music Workshops
- ✓ Senior school – Awards for Numeracy Ninja Workshops
- ✓ Senior School - Senior Curriculum Week
- ✓ Senior School – Maths Workshop
- ✓ Lower school – Materials for clubs – including cookery, boys & friendship club
- ✓ Lower School – Science workshops (Nursery & Lower school)
- ✓ Lower school – Author visit for World Book Day Nursery & Lower school)
- ✓ Lower school – Easter eggs (Prep & Nursery)
- ✓ Lower school – Bug Man (Nursery & Lower school)
- ✓ Lower school – Library furniture
- ✓ Lower school – Freshwater theatre visit
- ✓ Lower School – Mercury Theatre Workshops (Key Stage 2)
- ✓ Nursery – Nursery supplies



## *Examples of how pupils are benefitting from our fundraising*

**Playground shelter (built Summer 2016)**, although this funding was agreed in the previous financial year, the funding came out of 2016/17 funds.

The whole school has benefitted from this new playground shelter creating a quite space for pupils to read, be quiet or just chat with their friends.



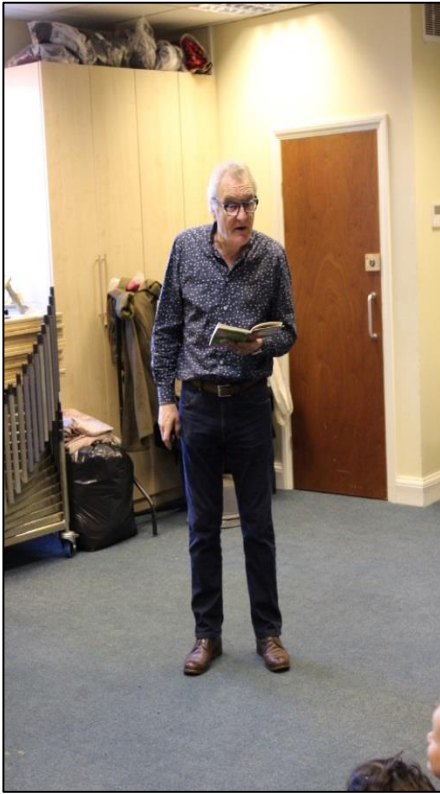
### **New Netball Dresses Year 9 and New Football Goals**



**New Football Goals Picture**

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World Book Day the CHSA paid for Jeremy Strong to visit the Nursery and Lower School.



Curriculum Week 2017 – multiple events funded by the CHSA throughout the week





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**Les Miserables Music Workshops & OR Mercury Theatre Visit (Lower & Senior School)**



**Year 11 Prom held at the Officers Club in Colchester.**





## *How can you help?*

The role of the CHSA is to organise social events for pupils, parents and staff and to raise funds to purchase those extra items for the school which may not be a direct academic necessity but improve the learning environment and enrich the education of all pupils within the school.

We believe the CHSA plays an important role in school life. However, we rely on volunteers and can only survive and prosper with the support of parents and staff. Events such as the Christmas Bazaar and Summer Fete take time and effort to organise and yet it is very often the same parents who come forward to help. **All** our children benefit from the events we organise and the funds we raise, so please do volunteer to help in any way you can, however small.

Our Committee meetings are generally held once a term at the school. Meeting dates are advertised in the weekly school newsletter, on the playground noticeboard and on the CHSA pages of the school website and CHS facebook. Meetings are open to all parents and members of staff.

However, if you don't have time to attend a meeting, you can still help by coming along to our social events, donating a prize to the raffle or offering ideas via the school office, all of which are equally important.

Any support is always gratefully received!!

Thank you.

**The CHSA Committee**