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Dear Parents

Newsletter 6

FOTH Many thanks to all of you who came to last night's FOTH AGM. I am delighted to announce that Blythe Burton Teed has been elected Chair, alongside Kathryn Higgins as Treasurer. A number of people rose to the occasion and became fully fledged elected members of the Committee. At the same time everyone else in the room continues to be an 'unofficial' committee member and, like all parents, are full members of FOTH. We rely so heavily on the wonderful under-the-radar work that goes on by so many people who regularly either give their time or help to run events. This no doubt will continue to be the case for the wonderful committee members who gave up their official positions last night. My sincere thanks go to them for all their help over the years. Further news will be coming from the FOTH Committee.

You will find details of the Christmas Extravaganza being held on Saturday 1 December at Snells Hall in the children's bookbags today.

Present Palace As a much-loved event which helps children understand the concept of thinking of others, this is planned to take place later in the term, in school. It is aimed at Year Groups Reception to Year 4 (Year 5 and 6 go Christmas shopping as their way of thinking of others). In order for the event to be successful we need to ask parents to send in items that the children can select and wrap for a special loved one; we need 105 of these items so that each child can participate. Can you please send in or drop items off at the office.

Cross Country/Children in Need There was great excitement and enjoyment today as the whole school participated, with older ones assisting the very youngest. In assembly we explained to the children that families will be donating in different ways so please do not feel pressured; however many children will want to use the cross country as their way of raising funds and, of course, every pound helps.

Governors The governing body is delighted to announce that Chris Wheaton has been elected the new Chair of governors at The Hendreds. He replaces Richard Case, who has stepped down as chair after many years (though he remains a governor), and who we are enormously grateful to for such dedication to the school over such a long period. Chris has been a governor here for four years and is currently also chair of the finance committee; he lives in Rowstock with his family, and works in London.

The governors are also pleased say that the process of recruiting Ms Tansley's replacement is well under way, with adverts placed on the ODST and OTSA websites last weekend. An assessment day for candidates is planned for week of 10th December.

Yours sincerely

Liz Tansley