

It's been a busy year since the last AGM – I'd like to start by giving a huge thank you to Jo, Rachel and all the staff for continuing to provide such an amazing place for our children to play and be safe, both after school and in the school holidays. It takes a huge amount of work in preparation and planning to provide the fun themes and opportunities and this year we've also had the massive job of meeting the GDPR requirements – so thanks in particular to Jo and Rachel for everything that has added to their workload. It's not glamorous or fun, but it has been absolutely essential and I would like to speak for the whole committee and parent community to thank them for their efforts on this aspect. I'd also like to formally welcome Angie, Abbie and Ollie who joined the team this year, and who have slotted in seamlessly – thank you for all your support and efforts.

The children have as always thrived on the opportunities to get involved with the running of the club through club council and competitions – not least with the designing of the new logo by one of last year's Year 6 children. The committee were extremely impressed with the enthusiasm of the children and the final choice was actually quite tricky as the standard was very high. Thanks again to Jo and Rachel for all the logistical efforts involved with updating all the places we use the logos.

We've tried a few new things this year and we'd particularly like to thank you for your support of the Facebook page, which has led to new families joining our holiday club register, and the summer social, which hopefully provided an opportunity for us all to come together as a community and enjoy some lovely weather and delicious barbecued food – huge thanks to everyone who was involved in getting both of these off the ground, especially Holly and Rachel for manning the Facebook page and Ali and the rest of the chefs behind the barbecue. We'll probably look to do something similar later this year so any feedback or comments you have about last year's event would be very welcome.

I'd like to take the opportunity to thank the committee for their support this year – hopefully you've all had a chance to look at the revamped committee page on the website and see what we all get up to. As I've already mentioned, Holly has been championing our communications both with the newsletters that tell you what your children have been up to, and the marketing of Wacky to the wider community particularly for holiday club advertising, which has led to increased attendance through the year – thank you Holly. Tamsin has provided her expertise in a range of policy-related areas and I want to thank her for all her efforts in working with Jo and the team in this perhaps less visible but incredibly important area. Alison has kept us all focused and on top of our actions as secretary and again, I'd like to thank her for everything she does behind the scenes to keep us on the straight and narrow and particularly for the work she did preparing the summer social. Ali has made sure that all the staff get paid every month which is obviously rather important, and has been a real driver for us all but particularly me as the new chair to keep things moving forward. Seema has also been a fantastic source of experience from her many years on the committee and has really pushed us to explore different ideas and challenge ourselves, picking up all sorts of odd jobs along the way. Thank you for being so willing to just get stuck in – which is a real feature of the committee as a whole and for which I'm very grateful. As deputy chair Lisa has been a huge source of support to me throughout the year, and of course has managed the recruitment activities. Finally thank you to Jules our treasurer for keeping an eagle eye on the finances which is clearly vital, particularly as we look

forward to the building requirements. Jules, Ali and Seema are all stepping down after many, many, many years' service and so a huge thank you on behalf of all the parents and carers as well as the committee for everything you've done for the club.

Which brings me on to my final topic – the planning situation with this building. As you will know from all the communication over the last year, we were told by the South Cambs planning officers that we would not be able to renew the temporary planning permission on this building and that we would have to put in place a plan for a permanent structure by September 2020. I have been working closely with last year's chair of Rainbow, as we obviously share the use of this building, to liaise with the local councillors, our MP, the school and governors and also to present to the two villages' annual meetings in the summer. We're now in a phase where we need to start fundraising and making some decisions and this is where we really need you to get involved. We're putting together a sub-committee with representatives from Rainbow, Wacky and the school, and we need volunteers from the parent community to join in and take part, otherwise it is going to be a real challenge to get a plan in place in time. Please please please – put your name forward to be part of this journey with us. We're obviously happy to take names tonight but you can email us or talk to us any time.

So thank you all for your support for Jo and the Wacky team but please do think about how you can get more involved in keeping this wonderful resource going strong into the future. This next year is going to be another big year.