# Chairs Report 2024/2025

I cannot believe that this is the fourth time I have delivered this speech and I'm still here as chair! This year is my penultimate year as a frog as my youngest is in year 5, which seems crazy. We are a great team, even though dramatically smaller than we were this time last year. We have had another great year; we have built on previous events and tried something new in the Wreath Making evenings. Everyone on the committee has worked hard over the past year, I'd like to make a special mention to those that have now left FROGS as their children have moved on to their secondary schools; Michelle Noakes, Natalie Baker and David Gorringe, they leave some big shoes to fill!

As we gear up for another year, we have already continued the tradition of welcoming the new reception parents with their welcome gift & are in the final throws of our organising our "Fireworks Spectacular" Our fireworks event always has an amazing atmosphere, & one that the whole community gets behind (regardless of the weather!) It would be lovely to hand this legacy on so that it continues when I'm no longer involved with FROGs.

Term 2 is always our most full on term. The events in this term have become a bit of an annual tradition. We are fortunate that the Rotary Club invite us to be elves with their sleigh around the streets of Gleneagles Drive. We have also arranged for real 8ft Christmas Tree to be delivered to the school for a number of years. This takes pride of place in the hall, once again this was kindly sponsored by Craig Parkinson. It was beautiful to see when we ran our first Wreath Making Workshop. Our annual Christmas Fundraiser with Class Fundraising, arranges for children's designs to be printed on to various products including cards, gift tags & mugs amongst other things. The templates for this are already with the teachers ready for this year! We also hold a Winter disco & Winter Fair. The fair is held during the school day with every pupil being invited along to meet Father Christmas in his Grotto. The children also play festive games and made craft items. This event doesn't make much money but it does spread a lot of joy!

At Easter, we returned to our popular Easter themed hamper raffle. Children dressed up in a "Spring" theme & the school community were very generous and donated enough items for us to make 19 hampers! All hampers had a voucher from a local business and a free voucher to skate at Eastbourne Roller Disco too. We use a text message entry system as this is very simple and makes it easy to manage.

As has become another tradition, we wrapped up the academic year by helping the school say goodbye to the year 6 pupils by arranging their leavers hoodies and prom. The brightly coloured hoodies are supplied by Leaverswear who are based in Hailsham, and once again they looked amazing, it was great to see the children wearing them around school. They really do love them. The prom as always was a fantastic evening, it is always great to see the children all dressed up climbing out of a range of cars, from backs of bikes & even a couple of tractors!! The children had a great evening of disco dancing, games, sweets, photo mirror and ice cream. I say it every year, it's one of my favourite events of the year, it is soo nice to be part of the journey for the year 6 pupils.

Finally, I'd like to say that being a FROG is always rewarding. We have had fun and laughs along the way and have managed to have a few social events too! To top it off we've made money for the school too, I'm proud to make a difference that directly effects my childs' education & I know my child is proud to be a tadpole too.

We'd love to welcome some new members to help support us in the coming year so please consider how you can help, whether that be by joining the committee in one of our formal roles or simply signing up to be a volunteer or committee member.