

Friends of Palace Wood

Registered Charity 1181700

THE OBJECT OF THE ASSOCIATION (THE OBJECTS) IS TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF PUPILS IN THE SCHOOL IN PARTICULAR BY:

2.1 DEVELOPING EFFECTIVE RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN THE STAFF, PARENTS AND OTHERS ASSOCIATED WITH THE SCHOOL

2.2 ENGAGING IN ACTIVITIES OR PROVIDING FACILITIES OR EQUIPMENT WHICH SUPPORT THE SCHOOL AND ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF THE PUPILS.

We work with the school community and local community to put on a range of events and activities to help build the school community and links between the school and the local community. Examples of these are; our school summer fair, arranging the circus to come to the school, parent and child craft events, community Easter egg hunt, Christmas carols at the local senior citizens home, school discos, reading events for world book day, sponsored sporting events and organised community working parties to clear and improve the infants garden area. All these events help us to build relationships within the school, outside in the local community and to fundraise. We then use these funds to purchase a range of services and goods that advance the education of pupils at the school and further the ties with our local community. Some examples of this are; we have recently assisting with the purchase of smart screen technology for each classroom in the school, purchased laptops for each classroom, provided a new sports kit for the school, helped to fund the outdoor activity equipment, repainted the infant playground with activity graphics and are currently raising funds for new furniture for the library.

Our activities help advance the education of the pupils at the school. We assist on school trips and support school initiatives such as world book day and multi-cultural events such as Chinese New Year and Diwali. We also put on events to bring parents, teachers, pupils and the community together such as arranging for the circus to come to the school (open to the local community as well as students), the school summer fair which includes showcases from local community groups, summer evening story time, reading events and parent and child craft events for Christmas, Easter, Chinese New Year and Diwali,

The Trustees decide as a committee how to spend the raised funds. We take suggestions and advice from the Headteacher, members of staff, parents/carers and the pupils of the school on the items or services they require to advance the education of all pupils at the school. We do this through student suggestions boxes, regular open Friends meetings, having the committee members visible and known in the school community for regular conversation, having members of staff on the committee and having a committee representative attend the school pupils council meetings to hear suggestions and report back to the committee. The allocation of funds is always balanced with how best the funds can facilitate the school community as whole. We also undertake some longer-term projects depending on the needs identified to advance the education of all the pupils at the school. For example, the funding of the smart screens for every classroom over 3 years.