

# RSPA

## READING SCHOOL PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

Dear School Community,

I have accepted the role of interim Chair of the RSPA for the duration of the academic year, my last year as a parent within the School as my son is in year 13 and doing his final exams. Some of you will already know me or at least of heard my name mentioned in various communications over the years through the year 10 photo projects and cake baking creations and so on.

I became involved with the RSPA after setting up the year 10 photo exercise 3 years ago, which has become a regular fundraiser for us. Having received so many lovely comments and thank you from grateful people I decided to continue with it and rather than go it alone I adopted a more formal role on the committee. Since then, I have enjoyed working with other committee members, not only helping out at various events such as the year 7 disco and more recently the 900<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Community Carnival but also putting forward ideas and having my say in influencing where monies the RSPA raise should be spent. And probably what I have enjoyed the most is the fun I've had spending time with fellow parents/carers, learning from them and being able to share with them my experiences over the years and also with school staff, teachers and the Headmaster.

We all play a part in the school community, and over the 7 years my son has been at the school I have wanted to play my part in making sure that parents and carers have a say in where funds should be allocated and what they would like to see done, no matter how small.

The RSPA has made a huge impact over the years and our children's school lives are better for it! I would encourage anyone, parent/carer, no matter what year your child is in to come and take part or even better join the RSPA committee. Your contribution, no matter how small, will help us more than you may realise, to continue to make improvements where possible. Even helping out at one event will make a difference because without willing volunteers this much needed association will not continue to exist! The school need us and we need them!

I look forward to meeting more of you, however and wherever that maybe.

So come along, say hello...you know you want to!

Thank you and good luck to all those shortly doing mock exams.