

# Friends of Eagle CP School - AGM Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2015

## Chairs Report 2014-2015



### Background

FOES has had its busiest 12 month period ever and its most successful fundraising to date.

You will have heard from Sarah in the Treasurer's report that we have had a total gross income this year of over £12,000 which is totally amazing for such a small school. So what have we been doing and where has the money gone?

In the previous 2 years FOES has helped with the cost of refurbishing the school toilets and in 2013 raised money for the new playing field equipment which is now enjoyed by all the children.

### This Year

The focus over the last year was for new books and library facilities for the whole school. Working closely with Mrs Adams, and the staff, the mammoth task of clearing out all the old and dated books began. We were delighted to give the school a starter pack of over £350 of new and exciting reading books and were even more pleased to see the David Walliams, Harry Potter and Julia Donaldson collections whizzing off the shelves so quickly by the children. We were also proud to hand over £2,700 to the school to enable a whole review of the remaining school reading books and provide the capital to purchase a whole new range of more suitable, modern and relevant books and learning resources. I am delighted that this project is nearing completion and scores of new reading books, sets and supplements, classed based resources and dictionaries will soon be on the shelves for the children and teachers to use.

In addition you will see that new serving cupboard/table for school dinners has been installed in the hall together with the new extensive storage cupboard which has been finished in time to house all the new books.

### How We Have Fundraised

FOES has tried hard to hold both fun and interesting events that will raise money for the school and the children. At the same time we have ensured that the children have fun at events geared for them. Here is a summary in date order of just some of the things we have been up to over the past financial year:

Family Quiz Night	Ladies Quiz night
Mother's Day Activity Gifts	Halloween Disco
Easter Bingo	Christmas card Orders
Sports Day Cafe	Phoenix Cards Catalogue
Used uniform sale	Bags2 School
Cuppertino Café - every Friday in summer term	Christmas raffle
Father's Day Gift making	Christmas Fayre
Summer Fayre	Christingle & Nativity Play refreshments
Class 4 school play nights' refreshments	Spare change boxes sent out and come back filled
End of Year Summer Disco	

### Other Ways We Have Raised Money

- ✓ We have parents signed up to the Giving Machine, such an easy way to raise money for the school with no cost or effort - simply with all online shopping.
- ✓ We have worked with the Lincolnshire Co-op to sign up as Community Champions once registered all the shopping you do at the local coop will provide further easy donations to the school
- ✓ We hand out Yellow Moon craft brochures and all orders give us a donation back
- ✓ We have joined up with Label Planet so the school can earn cashback when you purchase uniform labels online.
- ✓ We are raising more money from the families and villagers of Eagle donating their used stamps and handing them into school where we send them off in exchange for cash.

## Experiences for the Children

FOES spends about £1000 each year treating all the school children to a Christmas trip to the Pantomime and the transport there and back

We are working with each class teacher with our very useful Class Enterprise Scheme, whereby the teachers can ask for up to £200 for each class over the academic year to use on extra items to help with learning and teaching experiences that the school could not afford to normally supply. This year we have helped with Lincolnshire food tasting experiences, a new CD player, music and scripts for drama and other activities.

## Plans for the rest of 2015

Shortly we will start with our fundraising events again for the year with the Family Fun Quiz Night, Easter Bingo and planning for the School Summer Fayre on 13<sup>th</sup> June.

We hope to continue our fundraising efforts at these events and others whilst also providing fun at discos, Leavers and Achievers memory albums for the year 6 children and of course continuing to provide new starters with book bags too.

The recent parent questionnaire has helped us gain useful feedback about our activities and where the money should be spent going forward and once again we will be working with Mrs Adams to ensure that new indoor facilities, more outdoor play equipment and other long term and long lasting benefits for the children will be provided.

## Summary and Thank Yous

FOES are a simple group of volunteer parents that come and go over the years as their children leave the school. Our aim is consistent though- **"To make the children and school better off in a way they can enjoy and benefit for now and for the future"**.

None of our fundraising efforts, activities or benefits could be achieved without the support and commitment of the FOES team, the staff and Governors of the School and certainly not without the parents who support our events and turn up to help out in all sorts of ways before during and after the activities and dig deep in their pockets to help raise the money.

I am extremely proud of what FOES has achieved this year. At a recent PTA regional meeting I attended, it was clear to see that successes are formed at other schools like ours, where the Head Teacher, staff, parents and the local community communicate well and all try and work together to achieve success. I would like to say a huge thank you to the FOES committee for all your hard work and commitment. Also to the parents, Mrs Adams and the school staff, Mr Thomas and the governors and the local community, for all your help and support over the past year.

We desperately need more help on the committee and particularly a volunteer to take on the role of Treasurer as Sarah steps down shortly. I would like to thank Sarah formally at the AGM for doing an exceptional job not only as Treasurer but also for being such a hands on and helpful member of the FOES team. As a registered Charity, bound by the terms of the Charities commission it is a sad fact that FOES will not be able to continue without a Treasurer in the future so I hope we can fill this gap soon.

In closing - Well done to Eagle School FOES! - Here's to raising some great money for the school and the children again this year.

Thank you, Ali Bottom (FOES Chair)