



Friends of Eagle CP School – AGM Thursday 17th

March 2016

Chairs Report 2015-2016

Background

You will have heard in the Treasurer's report that we have had a total gross income this year of over £7,000 which is totally amazing for such a small school. There have been more activities than ever before and as such a busy year for FOES and all the parent helpers. So what have we been doing and where has the money gone?

As a reminder in the last few years FOES has helped with the cost of refurbishing the school toilets. In 2013 raised money for the new playing field equipment which is now enjoyed by all the children. Last year we gave the school £2700 towards the cost of refurbishing and restocking the school library and home reading books.

This Year

The focus over the last year was to raise money for further outdoor play equipment which was voted the most popular choice in a survey which was carried out from parents and school children in 2015. We managed to give the school £3000 to provide 3 new wooden houses for the children on the playground. Despite the cost of these houses being disappointingly high, we have hopefully provided another long term legacy for the children to enjoy for many years to come.

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
Mother's Day Activity Gifts
Easter Bingo
Sports Day Cafe
Used uniform sale
Cuppertino Café – every Friday in summer term
Father's Day Gift making
Summer Fayre
Class 4 school play nights' refreshments
End of Year Summer Disco
Ladies Quiz night
Halloween Disco

Christmas Card Orders
Phoenix Cards Catalogue
Bags2 School
Christmas Raffle
Christmas Fayre
Christingle & Nativity Play refreshments

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.
- ✓ Parents have given us sponsorship for Lincoln 10K race
- ✓ Change boxes have also provided us with helpful change.

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.

In addition we donate to each class teacher with our very useful Class Enterprise Scheme. Each teacher 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, new toys and games for Reception and outdoor compost and fabrics.

Plans for the rest of 2016

Shortly we will start with our fundraising events again for the year with the, Easter House Challenge, a Film night in April and the Family Fun Quiz Night in May. Behind the scenes planning is well underway for the School Summer Fayre on 18th June. Let's hope this year the sun shines after it being run indoors last year due to torrential rain.

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. We have also celebrated world book day with the school by purchasing over £500 of new dictionaries and thesauruses for every child in the school, as well as purchasing another £300 of up to date home reading books. We will be purchasing a much needed new sports team and football team strip for the School so when the children take part in interschool matches etc they can be smart and all feel part of the High Flyers team. By the summer we hope to have raised enough money to help update the trim trail on the playing field. Outdoor play equipment is still as popular as ever and we will do our best to ensure equipment is not only replaced but enhanced for the future at the same time.

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. We know from PTA feedback 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, 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 Mrs Jinks steps down shortly. I would like to thank Mrs Jinks 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. We will particularly miss her resourcefulness from plants and compost to Spaghetti Bolognese and Chilli!! 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! – We have had some fun along the way, left some great legacies for the children and so here’s to raising some great money for the school and the children again this year.

Thank you

Ali Bottom
FOES Chair