



Term 1 FOES Newsletter – September 2014

Hello again from FOES - we hope that you enjoyed your summer and had lots of fun in the sun.

Those of you who are new to the school may be wondering who FOES are and what we do. We are a small team of parents who organise fundraising events throughout the year to provide pupils with extra opportunities. The children are the direct beneficiaries of our efforts which range from providing resources such as the book and PE bags that have been given to new joiners this September, to financial support for class projects and a pantomime trip at Christmas to name but a few of the opportunities that we provide. Additionally we support an annual project - previously we donated £2000 to refurbish the school toilets in 2012 and £2500 towards playing field equipment in 2013.

At the last Leavers and Achievers ceremony in July we presented the school with a cheque for £2700 towards the re-stocking of the school library along with a £300 selection of books and a magnifying post as a permanent feature for the playground. This year we hope to do as well with our fundraising and we are sure that you will help support us again.

This newsletter aims to keep you up to date so that your children don't miss any of our events and you can see how our fundraising is progressing.

We have a new Chair

Since last term Marina Foster has stepped down from FOES and her role as Chair to concentrate on other community groups in Eagle village. She has been a member since 2000 and so has given a great deal of support to school children past and present and as you can imagine we are very grateful for all her previous hard work. At our first meeting of the term current Vice Chair Ali Bottom was elected as our new Chair.

It's so much easier to put up a gazebo with four people than two...

FOES are a small team – can you join us and contribute to improving the school for all our children?

FOES events will hopefully be remembered fondly by the school children and the equipment and resources FOES helps fund makes their learning even more engaging. There's no better way to know what events are being planned or to have your say than by offering your help and support.

There are currently only 5 members of FOES and we would love to welcome some new people. If you are interested then please come along to a meeting – you will be very welcome and there will be coffee! Or if you would like some more information first then please speak to any of us.

Who are we?

Ali Bottom	Tess & Evie's Mum	(Class 3 & Class 4)	Chair
Sarah Challans	Libby's Mum	(Class 4)	Treasurer
Faye Dick	Emily, Jack & Mike's Mum	(Reception & Class 3)	Secretary
Alex Cox	Jack's Mum	(Class 2)	
Eve Jordan	Sophie & Tom's Mum	(Class 3 & Class 4)	

If you don't want to join the committee but you do want to help and be involved please still get in touch with us as there are a variety of small ways that you can assist FOES from running a stall at a fayre to handing out food at a disco - your time to help FOES is invaluable and very much appreciated.

Our first event of the term is the return of a favourite

Q1: What?

Ans: The Ladies Quiz Night with questions, games, mystery challenges at the blow of a whistle and a Raffle, all in aid of school and Eagle Playgroup.

Q2: When?

Ans: On Wednesday 15th Oct at 7:30 pm.

Q3: Where?

Ans: Eagle Village Hall.

Q4: Who?

Ans: Teams need at least 4 people so get together with your friends and family.

Q5: Cost?

Ans: Tickets will be on sale from Eagle Post Office from 22nd September at just £5 each. Don't miss out – tickets are limited to 100.

Q6: Food?

Ans: A glass of wine (or soft drink) and nibbles are included in the ticket price. Bring your own bottle(s) too!



Donations of raffle prizes will be gratefully accepted on the night. Thank you.

Autumn Disco



Since Halloween falls in half term this year we have decided that it is too early to hold the traditional Halloween disco before school breaks up and that it will be too late to have it when school restarts. Instead the theme of the disco will be autumn and it will be held at the end of Term 1 on Thursday 23rd October. Children will still be encouraged to dress up but this time they can pick any costume that they like (we can't wait to see what ideas they come up with). We have booked FAB Disco who did such a good job at the End of Year Disco in July and there will be food and fun games. There will also still be a pumpkin carving/ decorating competition in any design that the children choose. Please look out for the flyer coming home from school shortly.



Bag2School

We have arranged for a collection from Bag2School on Tuesday 11th November so please save your unwanted clothes and textiles until bags come home from school in October just before half term. Our last collection raised £51. Your combined efforts help to bring in over £200 per year from clothing donations which benefit the school greatly as well as preventing these items going to waste in landfill.

Spare Change Collection



The grand total from all your money boxes last year came to £152. This is a great amount from spare coins, they really do all add up – thank you. We will give boxes out again soon to start this year's fundraising. Where possible we will reuse boxes to keep costs down.

Match funding

Thank you to Fiona Farrer who has offered match funding from her employers G4S, we hope to soon take advantage of this opportunity.

Match funding is a process where organisations pledge a sum of money relating to the amount their employee has raised for or donated to the charity of their choice. Some organisations will match fund on a £ for £ basis, others will stipulate what they are prepared to give usually to a set upper limit.

Please can you check if your company has a match funding scheme in place and if you are prepared to help make the money that FOES fundraises go even further then please get in touch with us.

Support Eagle School without it costing you a penny

Get involved and shop online via The Giving Machine



The Giving Machine is a fantastic way to donate to our school for FREE when you shop online. It doesn't cost you anything – the donation is generated when you visit their website first and then click through to your chosen retailer.

Since last November £114 has been donated to the school (including £29 in December when all the Christmas shopping really adds up!) The potential to maximise this free money for the school can really be increased though as there are only about 20 people currently signed up – just imagine how much we could earn if all parents, grandparents and work & family friends joined and used the site.

To help fundraise for the school please:

JOIN as a shopper: Go to **www.TheGivingMachine.co.uk** Click on the “Givers join” icon & register.

CHOOSE Eagle CP School as your beneficiary.

REMEMBER to shop via The Giving Machine every time you shop online.

Paperwork

Contact Numbers

Please can you make sure that when you fill out an attendance slip for your child at one of our events that you fill in your telephone number. This is so that we can contact you if your child becomes ill or wants to go home early. Although the school has contact numbers, FOES events typically take place out of school hours and can be at the Village Hall rather than at the School. We appreciate that you have to repeatedly give us the information for each occasion and that this can be tedious but we do not keep records and all information given is destroyed after each event to protect your child's privacy. Thank you for your assistance.



Please don't leave it until the day!

We always accept last minute applications when possible as we do not want to disappoint any child but we would be grateful if you can return event slips in good time. The reason for this is that we usually have to make purchases for food or craft materials and we aim to be efficient so that the money we raise can benefit the school rather than wasted by buying excess supplies. We are sure that you understand that we want to have enough to go round for everyone so that a good time is had by all rather than struggle to make everything stretch.

Collection of children

Previously we have had occasions where parents have not turned up to collect older children and these children expect to go home alone after attending discos. We know that some year 6's are allowed to walk home from school alone and we see older children out and about in the village so we understand that some parents are happy for their children to be out by themselves. However we will not let children leave one of our events unsupervised and they must be picked up – we will call you if needed although we hope that will not be necessary. Thank you for your understanding.



The **CHRISTMAS COUNTDOWN** has started!

Hopefully FOES can help you with your preparations this year.

Shortly your child will produce a Christmas card design at school which will be made into a professionally printed product with tags, mugs and T-towels in the same image also available. There were some fabulous designs created last year so look out for order forms and a sample of your child's card coming home soon.

Please check bookbags for Phoenix Cards and Yellow Moon catalogues which will also come home in due course. If you purchase your cards and wrapping paper or art supplies from these companies then the school can earn a percentage.

Santa has the date of the Christmas Fayre in his diary and will be at school on Tuesday 2nd December where there will also be lots of festive stalls and refreshments and the opportunity to purchase your child's handcrafted items. Don't miss out on the reindeer food!

FOES will also send all the school children to see Jack and The Beanstalk this year as our annual pantomime gift to them.



Upcoming Events - Please save these dates

Our next meeting is on Monday 13 October at 9.05 at the school. Everyone is very welcome – please come along

Ladies Quiz Night	Wednesday 15 th October	at Eagle Village Hall 7:30pm
Autumn Disco	Thurssday 23 rd October	after school 5:30 – 7pm
Bag2School	Tuesday 11 th November	drop bags off before 9am
Christmas Fayre	Tuesday 2 nd December	after school 3:15 – 5pm

Useful information:



Co-op Community Champions

A FREE donation to the school from the Co-op when you shop instore and use your dividend card.

Please make sure that you have joined at **www.lincolnshire.coop/communitychampions** and selected Eagle CP School as your chosen group otherwise the donation will go to another charity and not our school! Your own personal dividend still goes to yourself – the community donation does not affect it.



Yellow Moon

Please use code SEA1044 so that our school can receive cashback.



Label Planet

Please use reference number 35497 so that the school can earn commission. A link to their site is on the school webpage or order forms are available from the leaflet holder in the school foyer.