



Term 1 FOES Newsletter – September 2016

Hello from FOES – we hope you had a lovely summer holiday.

Those of you who are new to the school may be wondering who FOES are – well FOES stands for Friends Of Eagle School. We are a small group who volunteer throughout the year to put on fun events for pupils and families which we hope everyone will enjoy whilst we raise money for the school at the same time. We aim to help out with valuable extras that the school budget cannot stretch to but which complement and enhance your child's learning and their enjoyment during their time at Eagle School.

We have already started this year by gifting book and PE bags to new joiners and we will send all the children to a pantomime at Christmas. We make funding available to each Class teacher for class projects during the year and we will give memory books to all Year 6 leavers in July. Last year we bought a dictionary for each school child and provided a selection of home reading books for the library. We also fundraise towards a large annual aim for the school and as a result of fundraising hard last year we were able to present the school with our highest donation yet - £4000 towards the replacement of outdoor play equipment for the school field. In previous years we have bought wooden playhouses for the playground, refurbished the library, contributed to outside play facilities and contributed towards a revamp of the school toilets.

Our newsletter comes out once a term to let you know how our fundraising is progressing and to help you know what we have planned so that you and your child don't miss any of our events.

If you think that FOES sounds like something that you would like to be involved with then we would love to include you. We do need committee members to make everything happen and it's always great to involve parents from all age groups throughout the school. Our Treasurer Jackie's son left the school last July but she has been fantastic and offered to stay on while we search for someone who is prepared to step up and take her place. We would love a Class 1 parent to join us! We appreciate that parents have lots of commitments in one way or another so if you feel that you can't join us on the committee then there's other ways you can help like volunteering to join us for individual events or contributing ideas or resources.

Can you help?



If you would like to find out more about how you can get involved or support FOES please come along to our next meeting (on Tuesday 18th October at school after morning drop off), get in touch with any of the committee members (who we are can be found at the end of this newsletter) or leave us a message through the school office. FOES is a great way to have fun, meet other parents and help the school at the same time.

LADIES QUIZ NIGHT

A must have date for your diary is our annual fun filled evening **The Ladies Quiz Night** on Wednesday 19th October at 7:30pm at Eagle Village Hall. You don't have to be a Mastermind to take part - It's a fun girls night out that has seen the village hall packed for the last 6 years!!! There will be a variety of rounds plus fun games and a raffle – so get together with your female friends and family to make up your team for a great night. Tickets will be on sale shortly from Eagle Post Office at £5 which includes a glass of wine (or soft drink) and some nibbles. Tickets are limited due to the size of the Village Hall and the Quiz is always a popular event which has sold out in the past so make sure that you get your tickets in plenty of time.

The proceeds from the evening will be split between the school and Eagle Playgroup. Donations for the raffle will be gratefully accepted on the night.

On Friday 21st October FOES will hold a **Halloween Disco** at Eagle Village Hall from 4:30 to 6pm. It's a fun event without being scary and it is suitable for all school ages. There will be some great games including apple bobbing and yucky dip plus great DJ music. Fancy dress is encouraged with prizes to be won for the best boy's costume and best girl's costume from both Key Stages 1 & 2. There is also a competition for the best carved or decorated pumpkin with prizes for KS1 and KS2. Pumpkin candles may be lit for judging but please use battery candles if you want your pumpkin to stay lit for the entire disco so that everyone keeps safe. Thank you.



Tickets will go on sale shortly priced at £3.50. This includes a hot dog and chips with a ghoulish treat for pudding plus unlimited drinks throughout the disco. There will be sweets on sale too so bring some pocket money.

If you are the parent of a Reception child and you think they may find it a bit overwhelming then you are welcome to stay until they feel happy. We are always grateful for any parent volunteers at all of our events so if you want to stay and help us then please let us know when you fill out the form for your tickets – the flyer will come home shortly.

Our next **Used Clothing collection** will be held in November. This is a great opportunity to sort through your wardrobes and clear some space whilst benefitting the school at the same time. You can always ask your families and friends to sort through their stuff too to help! We are paid by the weight for textiles collected which are then recycled instead of going to landfill. It's a very easy way to raise funds for the school – last academic year we raised over £400 from three collections. Collection bags for your items will be sent home in book bags before half term but if you fill your bag then you can use any other plastic bag too.

FOES will put on a **FREE Film Night** suitable for all ages at Eagle Village Hall on Friday 18th November. To add to the cinema experience FOES will sell popcorn, sweets and hot dogs to keep everyone going. Look out for the flyer coming home from school with further details nearer the time.



This year our **Christmas Fayre** will be held on Tuesday 13th December from 3:15 to 5:00 at the school so pop the date in your diary. You can expect class stalls, sideshow games, festive refreshments and mulled wine, our grand Christmas raffle and of course Santa in his grotto.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Whilst Christmas may seem a long way off, if you are considering going to a pantomime this year it is worth bearing in mind that FOES have booked to send all school children to Jack and the Beanstalk at Newark Theatre as our Christmas gift to them.

Also on the Christmas theme your child will shortly design a **Christmas card** in school which we will have professionally made into a proof which will be sent home to you. You will then have the opportunity to buy cards, tags, tea towels and mugs personalised with your child's artwork. All funds raised will go towards the school.

FOES collect **stamps** for fundraising so please save the stamp off your envelope whenever you get one (UK or foreign) and drop them into the collection box in the school foyer.



Upcoming Events - Please save these dates

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 18th October at 0905 at the school. Everyone is very welcome – please just come along.

Ladies Quiz Night	Wednesday 19 Oct	7:30 start at Eagle Village Hall
Halloween Disco	Friday 21 Oct	4:30 – 6pm at Eagle Village Hall
Movie Night	Friday 18 Nov	Doors open at 4:15 for a 4:30 start at Eagle Village Hall
Christmas Fayre	Tuesday 13 Dec	3:15 – 5pm at the school
and further ahead...		
Summer Fayre	Saturday 17 Jun 2017	

Who are FOES?

Ali Bottom	Tess's Mum	(Class 4)	Chair
Jackie Jinks			Treasurer
Faye Dick	Emily, Jack & Mike's Mum	(Class 2, & Class 4)	Secretary
Sarah Alward-Smith	Grace & Katie's Mum	(Class 3 & Class 4)	
Clare Bower	Charlotte & Henry's Mum	(Class 2)	
Eve Jordan	Sophie's Mum	(Class 4)	
Kelly Melladay	Henry's Mum	(Class 3)	
Cheryl Pryer	Corrissa's Gran	(Class 2)	

Thank you for all your support – it is always greatly appreciated and here's to a fun year ahead!