



Friends of Eagle CP School – AGM

Tuesday 28th March 2017

Chairs Report for the financial year 2016-2017

Background

This year despite dwindling numbers on the FOES committee, we have managed to carry out our key fundraising activities throughout the year and take an income gross of £9935 just under £10,000 which is just over £2000 more than last year. After expenses of holding our events and after paying out for various activities for the children we have made a gross profit of £2,564.

This is totally amazing for such a small school. Each year we pay for things along the way to support the children and then try annually to save up for a “large legacy item”.

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. In 2014 we gave the school £2700 towards the cost of refurbishing and restocking the school library and home reading books and in 2015 we paid for £3,000 of new little houses in the playground.

This Year

From the money we raised ending summer 2016, we have donated £4,000 to the school and gained approval for funding to help replace the trim trail and also provide some new outdoor staging area for the children. This would should hopefully be carried out before the summer term.

The focus over the coming months for 2017 is also to raise money for the children to be involved in the Lincoln Knights Trail and also for everyone in the school to all visit the Lincolnshire show to take part in special events.

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 House Challenge

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
Used stamps collection
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. Over the past year we have helped the teachers and children with new equipment for their classrooms.

We also paid for every child in the school to have a dictionary – based on the 4 classes' requirements and to commemorate World Book Day – we spent over £880 on the dictionaries and new reading books for the school children.

Other Useful Items - This year we have also purchased:

- A new flag for the school
- Book bags and PE kits for all new starter children
- Leavers Memory Albums
- Eagle School Mugs – for use in the school and at FOES events

Plans for the rest of 2017

Shortly we will start with our fundraising events again for the year with the, Easter Film Night, and a Family Fun Games Night in May. Behind the scenes planning is well underway for the School Summer Fayre on 17th June.

We are hopeful to gain some new parent helpers for the year ahead and create a handover committee over the next 12 months as we prepare for 3-4 of us to be leaving FOES next year. We are very grateful to Fiona Farrer who has stepped up to take over from Jackie as Treasurer from today.

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. 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.

I would like to thank Jackie 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 Jackie’s resourcefulness from plants and compost to spaghetti Bolognese and Chilli!! Jackie has been a rock for us all and we will miss you greatly.

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 - Chair FOES