

# Friends of School Newsletter

January 2017

## Dear Parents

### Committee Members

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The Autumn term is always a busy one for The Friends of School and this year has been no different; we held a number of events in the run up to Christmas and we are grateful for your continued support.

We like to think of our role as three fold; raising money to allow the school to purchase items or subsidize the cost of trips, hands on support of the school, for example painting the shelter, and to add a bit of fun for the children.

Our discos, Elf Shelf, and Father's and Mother's Day gift shops fall in to the latter category; we run these events because your children enjoy them and we're grateful that you continue to part with your cash to support them.

Our Autumn Term events included a Halloween costume sale, the ever popular Christmas cards and a Bonfire Disco. We ran a new activity, with the Christmas trail, and were pleased to see so many children take part.

We also supplied refreshments and ran a raffle at the School Christmas shows, as well as a very popular BBQ and drinks stand at the Christmas lights switch on event.

We appreciate there was some disappointment about the length of time some children had to queue to see Father Christmas at this event, and we have taken your feedback on board. We're looking forward to making improvements next year.

We have already started to plan for the rest of the school year.

If you have an idea for an event we'd like to hear from you. If you would like to help out at any of our events as a volunteer we'd love you to be involved- just speak to any committee member, listed on the left.

## Where your money goes

Together we raised £1700 in the Autumn term.

This allowed us to subsidize three class trips; Mr Hill's class went to the Yorkshire Air Museum in Elvington, Mrs Duffy and Mrs Fildes class were taken on a Woodland Adventure in Stamford Bridge and Mrs Mounfield took her class to Eden Camp.

We agreed to fund a number of purchases including a water-tray on wheels that can be used throughout the school, and beanbags and books for Mr Stroyd's class.

As well as *ad hoc* requests from each class, we have a number of year on year expenses that we anticipate, for example most years we make a significant contribution to the residential, and each year we pay for the gifts that Father Christmas brings to class.

At our most recent meeting we agreed to buy a new blind for class 3, put some funds towards new bins for the outdoor areas and subsidize the coach to Young Voices.

## Upcoming events

**Valentines Disco**  
**February 16th**

**Big Breakfast**  
**Easter Eggstravaganza**  
**April 9th**

**Mother's day gift shop**  
**March 23rd & 24th**

**Father's day gift shop**  
**June 15th & 16th**

**Summer Fayre**  
**July 1st**