

FACES - ELLINGHAM (CHURCH OF ENGLAND AIDED) PRIMARY SCHOOL

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A fantastic year for the PTA despite some setbacks and challenges, once again the majority of our school parents, teachers and supporters have supported the committee to ensure that the events run were successful (if a little exhausting for the committee!). Thank you to all those who positively contributed to the fundraising effort in the form of generous donations of both cash and time and the kind words and encouragement given to the committee by the majority of parents.

As a small committee we have a limited amount of resources available in terms of time and finance Over the course of the year the following events were organised:

1. Summer Fayre
2. Sports Day Refreshments and Raffle/Fundraisers (2017/2018)
3. Spooky Disco in October and 80's Disco in March
4. School Play DVD's/Christmas Cards
5. School Lottery donations and Easy Fundraising (Throughout the Year)

The fundraising activity raised a very impressive £ 7435.59. This amount, along with the balance in the Community Account of £8048.71 provided a total income of £15484.30. Less the outgoings of £7222.82 (including donations of £5250.00 to the school), a balance of £8261.48 will be declared on the annual accounts (Accounts to be signed off prior to submission to Charities Commission and any errors will be reported).

The major difference and boost to our fundraising efforts was the Summer Fayre, this boosted not only the PTA bank balance but also the profile of the school and worked majorly towards building the sense of community within the school and the wide area. The school staff were instrumental in helping to facilitate this and the many other events that were run, without their support these events would not have happened so the PTA Committee is both grateful, thankful and looking forward to continued staff support in the coming months.

In this last academic year, the PTA supported the following events:

1. £5000 Donation towards school equipment and for the new hall
2. The purchase French Dictionaries for use in Language Lessons
3. Christmas gifts for the pupils – Water Bottles/ Leavers Gifts for our Year 6's
4. £250 Contribution towards the purchase of a lighting rig for use at school events

The continued focus for 2018/2019 is not only one of successful fundraising events but also ensuring that FACES plays an important role in building the sense of community within the school. As outgoing Chair I would say that we are always looking for people who are great team players or willing to try and work as part of a small dedicated team who bring a can-do attitude and a roll up your sleeves approach. We do also understand that everyone has commitments and if you can only spare a few hours to help at a fund raising event that would be welcomed too.

We look forward to a successful fundraising year ahead in 2018/2019 and couldn't do it without the fantastic staff, parents and carers and pupils which makes our small school so big hearted.

Thank you for your continued support in the coming academic year.