

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - FACES

ELLINGHAM (CHURCH OF ENGLAND AIDED) PRIMARY SCHOOL 23.01.17

ANNUAL REPORT 2015/2016

The school year of 2015 / 2016 was a quieter year of activity & events with the PTA. However, there was a lot of support from both the parent body and staff at the events events to raise money through the PTA to support the school activities. The following events were organised:

1. School Disco and Sponsored Waxing at Bamburgh Pavillion
2. Christmas Fayre at School & Stall at the Christmas Play
3. Raffle at the Christmas Play
4. Sports Day stalls
5. Easyfundraising donations
6. School Lottery donations

These events both raised money for the school, but also provided opportunity to reinforce the school community, with staff, pupils, parents & carers. The contribution of all these volunteers was invaluable, all contributions in time & donations, small and large, ensured a very successful fundraising year.

The fundraising activity raised a very impressive £3849.44. This amount, along with the balance in the Community Account of £3390.03 provided a total income of £7239.47. Less the outgoings of £1468.09, a balance of £5771.38 was declared on the annual accounts.

The PTA has a charitable status, and therefore we cannot be a profit making organisation. A core objective for FACES is to raise money to support the school, in the provision of equipment, books, contribute to transport and assist with the funding for school trips. In this last academic year, the PTA supported the following events:

1. Christmas play DVD for families
2. Roman Potter visit to the school
3. Christmas gifts for the pupils
4. Supported course fees for Teaching Assistant in their further studies (shared with the school).

We are always looking for people to share a new fundraising idea, or new event, and we would encourage everyone to support the PTA events, volunteer in any role (normally these are shared responsibilities, and no one person should shoulder the burden of planning too much).

I must pass on our continued appreciation to Eileen Duncan which reviews the annual finances for the PTA.

I would also like to thank every volunteer at each event, and in a supporting role, for their assistance to me as Chair, and the PTA as a whole. We are blessed with dedicated and experienced teaching and facilities staff, and as a small school community we should cherish the opportunities we have to come together socially, and to assist the school & staff in providing a very good education for our children.

We look forward to a successful fundraising year ahead in 2017.