

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - FACES

ELLINGHAM (CHURCH OF ENGLAND AIDED) FIRST SCHOOL 25.01.16

ANNUAL REPORT 2014/2015

The school year of 2014 / 2015 was very busy with lots of activity & events with the PTA. There was a lot of support from both the parent body and staff to arrange events to raise money through the PTA to support the school activities. The following events were organised:

1. School Disco at Bamburgh Pavillion
2. Christmas Fayre at School
3. Christmas Card sales
4. Raffle at the Christmas Play
5. March Quiz at the Bunker in Seahouses
6. May Quiz at the Bunker in Seahouses
7. Sports Day stalls
8. Easyfundraising 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 at these events was invaluable, and all contributions in time & donations, small and large, ensured a very successful fundraising year.

The fundraising activity raised a very impressive £2738.93. This amount, along with the balance in the Community Account (and the closing balance of the Business Saver Account) of £2314.75 provided a total income of £5053.68.

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 with a total expenditure of £3293.09:

1. School leavers bibles and bowling trip
2. Cinema trip
3. School caps
4. Christmas play DVD for families
5. Garden seat for school
6. Playground equipment
7. Christmas gifts for the pupils

For the 2014/2015 period there was a final balance of account of £3390.03. As discussed in more recent PTA meetings, we are looking to retain the balance as much as possible, and build on this amount, with a larger fundraising initiative to support the school in the purchasing of equipment to prepare for the new Primary School status in September 2016.

I must pass on our continued appreciation to Eileen Duncan who reviews the annual finances for the PTA, and to Helen Sutherland for her work as Treasurer. We also thank Celia Cresswell for her three years as Chair of the PTA. She stood down in July 2015, and her support for the PTA and the School was greatly appreciated.

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

Our PTA is well supported, and we look forward to a successful fundraising year ahead, to support the school moving to a Primary School in September 2016.