



Friends of Hade Edge School Charity

FOHE Annual Chair Report

1st September 2017 to 31st August 2018

Overview of the last 12 months activity

The new school hall was completed in the autumn term of 2017, partly paid for by the fundraising activities of the Friends Group. This amazing new building has been much utilised by the children, and the Friends Group has also been able to use the hall for our events.

The group meets monthly, and whilst attendance at meetings is often low, we are grateful to a wider group of parents who support our events and activities by volunteering their time.

The focus in 2017-18 has been on running a number of 'core' fundraising events, and continuing to write bids for funding from outside sources.

Funding Applications:

- Co-op Local Community Fund – we successfully applied to for support as a 'Local Cause' linked to the Holmfirth Co-op supermarket for the period March-October 2017. This means that for every £1 spent by members on 'own brand items' at the Holmfirth store 1p goes into the Local Community fund, and gets split between us and two other local causes. We attended a celebration event at the local store in November, and received a cheque for £4,279.40
- Bright Green Community Trust Fund – we have prepared and submitted a bid for £2,000 funding for Forest School provision at school. This was submitted in July, and we should hear back in late October

Events:

- MacMillan Coffee afternoon (raised £287.95 for this charity selling cakes)
- Halloween Party – this fun activity packed afternoon was not held as a fundraiser, but an exciting party for the children in the new school hall. The Friends group planned and hosted the event, and over 60 children attended. In addition the school council surveyed those that attended and presented their findings at the November 2017 meeting.
- Refreshments and Christmas hamper raffle at Terrific Tigers and Marvellous Meerkats Christmas plays (raised £159.62)
- Christmas fair – organised with the School; we ran games and stalls and raffle and sourced selection boxes for Father Christmas. Total raised was £1042.81
- Spring Fair – Organised a large raffle with kind donations of prizes from local businesses,

and sold tickets in Holmfirth Co-op with school staff and pupils running the stall through the day and FoHE taking over after school. The Fair followed the typical format with games, fun stalls and refreshments organised by FoHE and stalls of things made by the children run by school and was the biggest yet and raised £1777.81 with a significant chunk of that total coming from the raffle. This year we were pleased to have more people able to volunteer their time than previously and were very grateful for the help.

- Planned and hosted a family quiz night – this well attended event was not aimed as a big fundraiser, it was a great fun evening and raised £30.58.
- Bounce for Books – the Friends Group supported this sponsored event raising money to buy new books for the school. Match funding was applied for with Barclays Bank and will be reported in the 2018-2019 accounts.
- Hade Edge Gala was a great success; this year the Friends Group ran the very busy Tombola as well as two other games stalls. The Gala committee presented the school with a cheque for £1,000.
- Sold second-hand school clothes throughout the year, supporting pupils and their families to buy uniform at a reduced price taking £115.75 in the last year. Heather Finlay has passed this over to Rachael Bain now and we're very grateful to both of them for helping to maintain this facility.
- Social evening – Pizza night in June 2018 providing an opportunity for parents to meet and socialise instead of a fundraising event. We had hoped to host more of these evenings, but found it difficult to find time in the busy calendar of events.

Other Funding:

- In 2016 we started collecting old coins and foreign currency to fundraise for school, with collection tins in the school for parents to use, but also in local travel agents. This was 'weighed in' in winter 2017 and raised £179.73. This activity is continuing into the next year.
- Bags2School – donations of old clothes and shoes raised £82
- Giving Machine - money from our supporters online purchases continued to trickle in, raising £38.21
- Smile Amazon – The Friends group has registered for this new scheme, which will allow us to generate income when our supporters shop online at Amazon via a specific link. Our first payment will be in the next financial year.

The Friends Group paid for:

- £15,000 was paid towards the new school hall
- Whole School Pantomime
- Year 6 Leavers Hoodies

- Year 6 Leavers trip to Yorkshire wildlife park
- Whole school trip to the National Coal Mining Museum transport and entry
- Visit from the Ice cream van on Sports Day
- Timestables rockstars app

Thanks to everyone for all your help over the last year, and we look forward to another year of great events and fundraising to support the school.

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