



Friends of Hade Edge School Charity

FOHE Annual Chair Report

1st September 2018 to 31st August 2019

Overview of the last 12 months activity

In the last few years the Friends' activities have focused heavily on fundraising, specifically for the new school hall. This year our focus shifted to the new Forest School setting, and other fun activities that enhance the kids' learning.

Reflecting the UK wide cuts to education budgets and school funding, we have seen an increasing proportion of the funds that the Group raises being used to support activities that previously would have been funded by central budgets – the Treasurer's Report sets out these items in detail.

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

Funding Applications:

- We were delighted that the bid for £2,000 funding for Forest School provision at school made to the Bright Green Community Trust Fund submitted in the year 2017-18 was successful. The Co-Chairs and Treasurer attended a presentation evening in Holmfirth and were presented with a cheque. The money has been passed to school and used to significantly enhance the Forest School provision.

Events:

- Hosted our annual MacMillan Coffee afternoon and raised £226.85 for this charity selling cakes.
- The annual school disco took place in November and DJ Dave entertained the children and played some great tunes. Over 50 kids attended and we raised £46 once the DJ and refreshments were paid for.
- We served refreshments and raffled Christmas hampers at the Terrific Tigers' and Marvellous Meerkats' Christmas plays raising £196
- Christmas fair – organised with the School; we ran games and stalls and a raffle, as well as sourcing selection boxes for Father Christmas. Total raised was £1,098 and feedback was that kids and parents enjoyed the event.
- 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 in the day. 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 raised £1,828 with a significant chunk of that total coming from the raffle. This year we were pleased to once

again have lots of people volunteer their time and were very grateful for the help.

- Served refreshments and supported the Birds of Prey Event hosted by the HEAR (Hade Edge Action Residents) Committee
- Hade Edge Gala was a great success; this year the Friends Group ran the Tombola as well as the hoopla game 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. This money is mostly accounted for in the Christmas Fair and Spring Fair takings above, as well as an additional £29 taken outside of these events.
- Social evening – The Friends group hosted two social evenings this year, a Tapas night in February 2019 and Curry night in July 2019. Both evenings provided the opportunity for parents to meet and socialise, and were not fundraising events.

Other Funding:

- Bags2School – donations of old clothes and shoes raised £78
- Giving Machine - money from our supporters online purchases continued to trickle in, raising £29
- Smile Amazon – The Friends group has registered for this new scheme in early 2017, which will allow us to generate income when our supporters shop online at Amazon via a specific link. Our first payments in the first year came to £51 and we aim to promote this scheme further.

The Friends Group paid for:

- Whole School Pantomime including ice creams
- New LED stage lighting for the main hall
- Cash float for each class's supplementary teaching resources
- Creation of new Nurture room in old library room
- Dinosaur Theme (Dinosaur expert visits and resident artist)
- Year 6 Leavers Hoodies
- Year 6 Leavers trip to Treetop Trek
- Timestables rockstars app
- Twinke (teaching resource)
- Text messaging service for communicating with parents and carers

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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Co-Chairs – Friends of Hade Edge