

Friends of Fishergate Newsletter: Summer Term 2019

Volunteers Needed for Committee Roles: To be a registered charity we must have a committee: Chair, Treasurer, Secretary (as a minimum). **We are looking for a new Chair**, as Hester has served a year in the role, which was what she agreed. The Treasurer and Secretary posts are filled. There is a strong core group of people involved from each of the year groups, so anyone acting as Chair would be supported and guided, should they require it, by people who have experience of the school, and running the fundraisers. It could even just be a nominal role. **Let us know if you could do this for the next year.**

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Huge thanks to everyone who has been able to make these things happen, in whatever way they could. Some of you have shopped, baked, donated prizes, come to meetings, made event posters, shared things on Facebook, or pitched in on the day. Even if there is just one thing you can help with per year, **every child at Fishergate enjoys the benefits of the funds raised by FoF**. Friends of Fishergate really needs all the help you can give. Please don't be shy - offer! You won't be roped in but you *will* get to feel great about helping hundreds of children *and* get to know the school and other parents/carers better!

What has FoF fundraising helped with this year?

Subsidised the Summer trips for all year groups; Science Day; extra books for classrooms; coach for the Y5/6 Robin Wood Outdoor Pursuits trip; Y6 Leavers' Treat at Tenpin; equipment for Y3/4 swimming classes; costumes for Y1/2 nativity; subsidised the pantomime trip for all year groups; subsidised the Young Voices trip for KS2 choir; bought medals for Star Wars Marathon; a greenhouse for the Forest School area; BBC Microbit coding boards. We're talking to the school about what major project FoF might help with next year (in the past, FoF has bought the playframe in the playground and new Chrome books, for example).

Read on for a rundown of what FoF organised, and how they went....

Hallowe'en Disco: We kicked off the year's events with this high-octane crowd pleaser. Glowsticks, pumpkin parade, and dressing up. Crazy fun. We found that a separate chill out zone for the grown-ups was a good thing, but for those of you who wanted to watch your kids get down, we know you found the music VERY LOUD. This will be something to feedback to DJ Ollie for the next event. These guys all do a fab job at getting the kids enjoying themselves, but maybe it could come down a few decibels? Thank you to all the people who stepped up to help on the night. Earplugs provided next year...? **RAISED: £422.02**

Beetle Drive: OK. So you don't like Beetle Drives....? Do you know what one is? (I didn't). A very low attendance at this event (one family, besides the helpers and their kids!!). Let us know if you have ideas for a better family night out. **RAISED: £4.40**

Christmas Shop: Total. Winner. I LOVE the Christmas shop- it is the CUTEST THING ON EARTH. Helping your little people pick out a present for you, and listening to their careful considerations of who likes what is the nicest way to start the Christmas season for me. **RAISED: £ 628.40**

Christmas Fair: Woah! Full on! Well done to everyone who managed to get in and spend their cash. Maybe we do it on two floors next year? Pros and cons, but let's have a think. Special mention to the MASSIVE

response from all Fishergate families for the amazing amount of donations that came in for tombolas, jam jars, cuddly toys: the best one I had seen (until the summer fair!). **RAISED: £1,246.16**

Sarah W's Fundraiser: Super Sarah heading towards her 100 marathon goal. Friends of Fishergate were able to support Mrs Wilson's fundraiser with a delicious buffet. Thank you to everyone who baked, and cooked, and shopped, and chopped, and washed up on the night. **RAISED: We did it for love! (£18.91)**

Movie Night: "The Greatest Showman". A brilliant turn-out. PJs and blankets. Thanks to all those who popped corn, sold tickets, staffed the refreshments, lent the DVD, and everyone who came, danced, sang, and cleared up afterwards. **RAISED: £128.93**

Easter Disco: Slightly calmer than the Halloween bash, though still rather loud. Thanks to everyone who shopped for stock, set up, cleared up, sold refreshments and glowsticks. **RAISED: £237.83**

Fancy Dress Football: Fantastic Friday night fun for young and not-so-young. A good turn out, especially from the EYU and Y1/2 families. A brilliant bbq, exceptional referee (a baboon), and who could forget Mrs Moss' Macarena?!? **RAISED: £199.96**

Summer Fair: What a lot of fun: forest school campfire, karaoke, refreshments and games for all ages, and a big lorryload of raffle prizes. It was great to see how many people came, and stayed to enjoy the whole afternoon. Happy days! Huge thanks for the tons of donations for the day, and all the shopping and planning, as well as the set-up and staffing, and clear-up. A huge team effort, from families and staff. **RAISED: £2,091.32**

Feel free to feedback on any event, with your ideas and suggestions, to:
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Lollies & Cakes: Again, another very successful operation. Lots of you have been able to bake and staff the stall. Any cakes left, that we can't save for next time, we have been taking down for the service users at the Peasholme Resettlement Day Centre, which provides social and educational support for homeless people.

CAKES: TOTAL RAISED, ACROSS ALL YEAR GROUPS: £1,961.26
LOLLIES: £190.05

Christmas Cards: Thank you for ordering your children's festive artwork on cards, tags, and wrap.
RAISED: £188.50

Year 6 Leavers' Hoodies: A farewell to Fishergate for the Class of 2019. Wear your hoodies with pride!
RAISED: £181.05

Have a great summer.

Hester, Bec, Roni, Ali