



# Friends of Coxhoe Primary School

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- Newsletter -



## Hello and welcome!

Brand new for 2019 is our FOCPS newsletter; after such a spectacular Autumn term we wanted to share our successes and thanks with everyone.

We intend to send out the newsletter once a term to keep you up to date with what we have been up to, the money we have raised, how it has helped the school as well as informing you of up and coming events.

The Autumn term has been exciting, fun, a great learning curve and full of brilliant events; here's to many more amazing events to come.

The PTA

## Your PTA

**Chair:** Sarah Heslop

**Treasurer:** Joanne Walker

**Secretary:** Sarah Bell

**Vice Secretary:** Helenna Brown

If you have any questions or ideas please come and have a chat!

## Halloween

October seems like such a long time ago now but both discos were a great success and we are happy to announce that we raised £532.57 through our various activities and tuck shop. We are already looking forward to Halloween 2019.

## Christmas Activities

The lead up to Christmas saw us run the shopping evening, attend 8 performances, organise Christmas parties for every class, produce a marvellous calendar alongside some brilliant card designs from the children and put together various mini raffles and refreshments.

To say it was hectic at times was an understatement but it mostly went without any hiccups and the atmosphere within school was lovely.

Altogether we managed to raise £1746.78.

## ★ Special Thanks ★

We are very proud of the work that we have been able to put in to making the FOCPS a successful PTA during our first term. We intend to keep the same energy going forward, to bring new and exciting things to school.

We would not have been able to achieve any of this without families and the children coming along to events as well as the support of all of the staff within the school.

A HUGE thank you to you all!

### **Rag Bag and Book Fair**

The amount that was raised from emptying the rag bag bin and selling sweets at the book fair is £85.41.

### **Film Night**

No one expected the demand for film night to be as great as it was and we were overwhelmed with how popular it became, the children were certainly excited!

Aside from a small technical issue, which caused it to run over time, the event was a success with children behaving very well and creating a fabulous atmosphere.

The next film night will take place after the Easter holidays; two nights will be provided so that we can have separate showings for KS1 and KS2.

We raised a grand total of £187.93. Let's hope our next one is just as successful!

### **What has the money been used for?**

With all of the events you've attended and money raised you might be wondering "where has it gone?" Well, we haven't hung around and have put it straight to good use!

We have put money towards new books for the children at Christmas time and a portable PA system (which was great at all of those noisy Christmas parties!).

£1000 was donated towards the EYFS outdoor area, a project which will see great improvements for the reception classes who use the area as an outdoor classroom as well as a place to play and have fun.

The money that was raised from the Class 1 and 2 bake sales was also put towards this project to buy smaller items to decorate and for the children to play with.

Alongside all of this we have also funded the coaches (£900) to take the children to the pantomime and made a £600 donation to the college where the performance is held. Also each child had some treats to enjoy while they watched which came to £63.14.

### **Bake Sales**

The Class 1 and 2 bake sales were a brilliant success together raising a grand total of £194.10.

Every class will get a turn to run a bake sale so we will be looking for parents and family members to help out and/or donate some sweet treats.

We will ensure we give plenty of notice of the time and date.

### **Future Event Ideas**

With lots of new requests for help coming in we've had a think about some new ideas to help raise even more money but also bring lots of fun and memories to our families. The dates and final details of each of these are still yet to be confirmed but there will be plenty of notice.

- Easter Craft Morning
- Ceilidh
- Family Celebration Day
- Running Event
- Coffee and Craft morning for new starters

## ★ Goals ★

### **This is what we are aiming towards this term**

1. Mrs Bartle has requested a brand new AV system for the hall; the one that is currently in use is of poor quality and could be greatly improved. The proposal is to have a central display board with new screens either side, new speakers and a cabinet to store IT equipment; these can be used for many things within school such as assemblies, film nights, performances and parent workshops. We are well on the way with fundraising for this.
2. Requests have been made for a defibrillator to be available within school; the hope is it will never need to be used but if it did then it would be a great asset to have.
3. Proceeds of future bake sales will go towards providing Dojo parties and sparkly dip treats.

As you can see we have managed to fit a lot into our first term as a PTA and we would like to reiterate how thankful we are for the support we have had.

With your help we hope to do great things!

