



Friends of Edward Feild

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A SUMMARY OF THE FRIENDS OF EDWARD FEILD'S AGM 2017

(Information you may need to know about)

The Friends would like to thank everyone that came to the **AGM**.

As a result of some of the feedback received, we are writing to **summarise** what was discussed for those who were not able to make it. We do have some official minutes from the AGM if you require. We will also be writing a **termly newsletter** that will go over a lot of the subjects discussed at the AGM in greater detail as well as letting you know of any events coming up.

The Friends:

The **Friends** is currently made up of a team of **9** and bound by our **constitution** (a copy of which can be requested at any time). We have also been registered as a **Charity** now for a year and as such we are regulated by the **Charities Commission**.

This **fundraising year was successful** (not quite as much as last year) but successful none the less. A copy of the **accounts** is listed at the bottom of the page for you to look at. Of course, as a committee we are here to plan all these events and ensure that we raise as much as we can **BUT** this would not happen without all your support!

So I would like to take this opportunity to say a **HUGE Thank you!!**

Successful Events:

It's really nice to get **feedback from parents** about events and how much they've enjoyed themselves. We got particularly good feedback from the **Christmas Trees** (which we will be doing again this year), the **Fashion Show** and the **Summer Fair**. I think it was a brilliant Summer Fair – full of fun and excitement.

The regular **Friends' cake sales** give us our biggest profit – for which we must thank Mrs Trafford. She puts in so much work, time and effort!

Our **Discos** have to be one of our most popular events and one of our most profitable. This is down to two main factors... The DJ and the Face painting. The Friends would like to thank Ryan Dale our regular DJ who, because he charges us nothing like the going rate for a disco we are able to plough even more funds back into the school. And to Jade Laforest-Bicknell our Face Painter, as she hardly takes any money for standing there tirelessly for hours creating fantastic designs!

New Events:

A new event we are trying this year is a **Fireworks Night**, which will be on October 28th. The gates will open at 5:30pm for the fireworks display to start at 6:30pm. We will be selling burgers, sausages, chips and sweet treats!! We also have a Fairground ride organised. **Each Edward Feild pupil will receive a FREE ticket.** All other children will cost £3 and adults £5. So please, help us make this a fantastic new event!

Also, new to this year is **the 100 club**. Forms are available from the office or have been sent via Parentmail. Please join if you haven't already done so. It's a great opportunity to raise funds for the school with the potential of winning a **CASH prize!!** And it only costs **£12 for the year!**

Money Spent:

We used the raised funds in this last year to buy the new **Main Hall blinds** at a cost of **£2500**, which look fantastic.

We bought **resources for Eddies Room** at **£70** and more **books for the library** for **£100**.

We also allowed each **classroom** a small **budget** for any equipment they required. We asked each teacher to hand in a "shopping list" and tried to be as fair as possible to each one.

At the end of the year we presented **Yr 6 with leaver's tops and year books** at a cost of **£655**.

Future Spending and Projects:

Because overall we hadn't spent that much on the school, the Friends' bank balance looks pretty good.

Therefore, we had a meeting with Mr Jackson and decided to donate **just over £3000** towards **ipads, cases and a secure lockup**. We are also in the process of looking at **tables, benches and sun shelters** for the KS2 playground.

Another project we will be doing is renovating the **school pond** which Mr Jackson would like the children to start using.

So, as you can see there are a few projects on the go for this year.

The Future of the Committee:

As a **committee**, we are trying to become more transparent and communicate more **with parents**. After each meeting, we will put the date of our next meeting on Parentmail so that if anyone wants to come they know where and when.

We welcome anyone new to meetings. You **don't** have to come to each one and you don't even have to talk if you don't want to. Just sit and listen.

Please let us know what we can do better or any ideas you have. There are a variety of ways for you to help or be involved if you want to. It's **totally flexible** and you DON'T have to join the committee!

You could design posters, help clean up after events, help source funding, anything.....

Anyone who has a **skill in a certain field** can always offer their services – we would be most grateful as there are many areas we are NOT experts in.

Class Representatives:

We also discussed our idea of **class representatives**.... This did not work when we tried last year. We sent out a Parentmail but only received two replies. After the feedback received from parents at the AGM we will give this another go.

Parent reps are a way to help us filter information about events and such through individual classrooms. Or equally if any parents have an issue or ideas they would like to be heard then they have a point of contact they can go to, to contact the Friends.

We would require **2 parents from each class to be representatives for that class**. We would need a **contact email or number** so that we can relay information to each classroom through these two representatives. They wouldn't have to come to meetings and it would simply be another way to communicate to parents. The reason we ask for two is so that it is easier for parents as it will not be one person's sole responsibility to carry this role out. If you think you would like to help us and the school in this way please email us at:

Friends@efs.oxon.sch.uk with your details.

Our next meeting is on 19th October at 8.00pm in Sainsbury's Café.

Again, many thanks to all those who came to the AGM and we hope that all parents/carers and children enjoy this year's events!

Have fun – see you there.....

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Chair, Friends of Edward Field.

BREAKDOWN OF PROFITS RAISED FROM FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES 2016/2107

Cake Sales	£1236.30
Refreshments	£323.80
Halloween Disco	£695.89
Christmas Trees	£336.30
Breakfast with Santa	£472.64
Valentine Disco	£309.29
Easter	£9.16
Fashion Show	£1502.03
Summer Fair	£1444.06
Leaver's Disco	£523.40
Bingo	£64.30
Christmas Decorations Sold (Made by Sally Batten, all profits go to The Friends)	£51.00
2 nd Hand Uniform Sales (This has only just started)	£10.00
Donations	£220.00
Yellow Moon	£17.50
Easy Fundraising	£152.55
TOTAL	£7368.22