



FRIENDS OF COXHOE PRIMARY SCHOOL
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Hello and welcome!

Now that we are almost at the end of the school year, we wanted to update you with some of the things we have achieved since our last newsletter.

And what can we say? What an amazing school year we have had!

It has been brilliant being a part of so many different aspects of school life and we are already looking forward to seeing what we can achieve next year.

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!

Rag Bag

There were a huge number of bags brought into school to support our Rag Bag initiative; it took a human chain to move them from the hall to another room in time for the teddy bears picnic!

Thanks to all of the donations, we raised a total of £418.

Big Run

We have sent out a separate newsletter with all of the details of the Big Run, but it is definitely worth another mention.

The efforts made by everyone involved meant that we raised a total of £2940 - £1952.93 of that amount has gone towards the AV system, funding a PE kit subsidy and a defibrillator. We still have over £180 to come in from HMRC Gift Aid payments which will take our total over £2000!

Bake Sales

The bake sales have been a great addition to Friday home times over the school year. Coxhoe definitely has some talented bakers; look out Mary Berry!

Every class has now been able to take part and the competition to raise the most money certainly began to heat up.

In total the Bake Sales have managed to raise a whopping £1580.

Our shelter is not the same as a giant bake off marquee, but we'll be back again in September looking for some star bakers!

Red Box Project

This is a project which has been rolled out throughout the UK that seeks to end period poverty; there is a red box placed within a school that is full of sanitary items that are always accessible to girls and is free to use.

Sarah B put forward the idea to place a similar box within our school for those girls who may need to use the items; this is not necessarily to do with poverty in our area but is more about creating an environment which will make them feel comfortable within school.

There is now a box full of items located within school that we will keep topped up as and when it may be needed.

Easter Crafts

The four Easter craft afternoons were a huge success and were enjoyed by everyone who attended.

We know this because the feedback we received was fantastic!

The atmosphere was relaxed and fun and it was lovely seeing the children and their loved ones enjoying the crafts.

We have exciting plans to hold Christmas crafts later in the year.

Go Wildcats!

High School Musical was the chosen production for this year and it was full steam ahead from the get go; from auditions to rehearsals and then the big nights. It was a brilliant production which was a success because of all the effort staff members and the children put in to it.

We were lucky enough to attend both nights to offer refreshments which included drinks, popcorn, sweet cones and drinks as well as providing two raffles which helped to raise £302.90.

Summer Fair and Sports Day

This was the first year where both sports days and the summer fair were held on the same day; which took great co-ordination and a huge effort from everyone involved.

The sports day saw great team efforts to try and win that gold but more importantly to have lots of fun and enjoy taking part.

There was a lovely family atmosphere which carried on through to the summer fair which was also a triumph; we had visits from Ben and Jet the police dogs, a fire engine and music courtesy of Miss Haddick and her band.

The donations of tombola items, filled jars, sweets, chocolate and raffle prizes were brilliant and really contributed to us being able to make it all a success.

We made a total of £255.60 during sports day and £1458.84 during the summer fair.

We hope you all enjoyed the day as much as we did and we welcome your feedback!

Achievements

Here are just a few of the things we have managed to fund:

- EYFS outdoor area contribution
- AV system
- Portable PA system
- Defibrillator
- Uniform discount
- Christmas books for all children
- Medals for the whole school
- Dojo parties
- Sparkly dip prizes
- SATS snacks for Y2 and Y6
- Weardale bus
- Y6 leavers donation
- Red box project
- Easter crafts
- Refreshments at school events

In total this year we have raised £9024.30!

We need you!

This year has seen a relatively small group of people springing into action to do the best they can to make the PTA a success and it would be fantastic to be able to keep doing that year on year. To achieve this we would love to see some new faces helping out and getting involved.

You could help out by: putting forward ideas for events, letting us know how you would like us to use the money raised, helping with the setting up of events, offering a skill that may be of use to us or even letting us know of fundraising initiatives that could be beneficial.

This can even be done by joining our WhatsApp group or leaving a message for us at the office, we don't expect you to be able to attend every meeting (although Sarah H's cakes often make it worthwhile!). We understand that often life gets busy, however, many hands make light work.

If you are interested you can leave your contact details at the office and we will be in touch in September.

Final words

Just one last THANK YOU to all parents, family members, friends, members of the community and school staff members for all their help, support and generosity – we are truly grateful.