

FOCUS NEWS

Friends of Cupernham Infant School Newsletter

September 2019

Annual General Meeting

The **FOCUS AGM** will take place in the school hall at **7pm on Wednesday 2nd October**.

All parents/guardians of current pupils are welcome to attend and it's a great opportunity to find out more about what we do. There will be no pressure to get more involved than you would like - so please come along!

What do we do?

We organised many events during the 2018-19 school year - mostly fundraising but all concentrated on either fun opportunities for the children or chances for the parents to socialise.

We run in-school shops for the children three times a year: for Christmas, Mother's Day and Father's Day. These are fantastic opportunities for the children to choose their own gifts for the adults in their lives and are always well attended.

For the first time, and kindly supported by school staff, we also coordinated the 'Christmas Card Project' last year. This allowed parents to buy professionally produced cards and gifts, designed by their child - and was hugely popular.

In addition, we organise and run two school fairs per year - as well as other fun events for the children such as discos, parties and Easter hunts.

In collaboration with the junior school PTA, we also try to hold at least one fun event for parents per year. Past events have included bingo nights, quizzes and beetle drives.

Altogether, this year's events have raised **around £4000** for the school.

Where does the money go?

Our focus is always on improving the school experience and learning opportunities for your children.

Last year, the proceeds of three years of fundraising allowed us to pay for the playground improvements, which were carried out in Summer 2019. This new layout and equipment is already well used both at playtimes and in PE lessons.



Year-group leaders are also able to request funds from FOCUS for any resources they need for their pupils (outdoor toys, books etc.) and in the last year this money has been spent on books for the school library.

Each year, we also use our funds to ensure that every child receives a gift from Father Christmas at their class Christmas party and a sweet treat as a reward at the Easter Hunt.

In addition, we subsidise the cost of the entertainment at the Y2 Leavers' disco - as well as providing the refreshments.

FOCUS NEEDS YOU!

All four holders of named committee roles in FOCUS are stepping down this year, as our children have now all moved to the junior school.

Therefore, **all four committee roles are currently vacant for this academic year**. They are: Chair, Vice-Chair, Treasurer and Secretary.

If you are interested in taking on a new challenge, and would like to find out more, please email **abradshawpta@gmail.com** or come along to our AGM. We are particularly in need of volunteers for the roles of **Treasurer** and **Secretary**.