

# FOCUS

## Friends of Cupernham Infants School

### **Who are we, and what do F O C U S do?**

We are a committee of parents and guardians of children at the school, passionate about providing extra fun for the children and funds to enhance the school experience. We organise many events during the 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. We are working with the school on a safe plan to continue to provide this again this year.

We are planning to coordinate a 'Christmas Card Project' and taken into account the feedback on price point from last year. This will aim to allow parents to buy professionally produced cards and gift tags, designed by their child – we will arrange for the children to complete this artwork in school.

In addition, we would normally organise and run two school fairs per year - as well as other fun events for the children such as discos, parties, and Easter hunts. It is highly unlikely that we will be able to run the Christmas Fair in the current circumstances, so we are coming up with new ideas to create fun experiences to replace these activities – which are our biggest fundraisers, and well attended events.

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. Again, it is unlikely we will be able to use the school premises for these events and we will do our best to work out

### **Where does the money go?**

Our primary purpose is to find ways to enhance the school experience and learning opportunities for your children.

In 2019, 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 well used both at playtimes and in PE lessons.

We work closely with Mr. Wells, and ask for Year-group leaders send us their wish lists so FOCUS can contribute to the extra resources they need to create fun learning environments for their pupils (outdoor toys, books etc.).

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. These are things we will still aim to do in some way, even if the delivery of this is slightly different to ensure everyone's safety.

In addition, we work with the school to help provide the Year 2's with a suitable leaving celebration, as well as organise the design and production of a commemorative Leavers t-shirt.

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# WE NEED YOU!!!!

We are currently a very small committee team of just 3 current official members. Our current Chair is stepping down, and we need to fill the positions of Vice Chair & Secretary. We would also need attendees to agree to vote to re-elect the Co-Treasurers, as well as the candidates volunteering for the other positions.

We'd also ideally have a few more active committee members, as well as an increase in volunteers that are happy to be contacted for help with events, contribute to ideas, or be representatives on your year group Facebook pages, etc.

### **Annual General Meeting**

The **FOCUS AGM** will take place via a virtual meeting platform at **7pm on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

We are operating in very uncharacteristically strange and demanding times, but we are determined to ensure that we can still provide the extra fun activities to promote the school's community spirit, whilst sticking to the confines of the restricted social rules.

So, the more people we have involved, the more additional ideas we can come up with to enhance your children's school experiences. Levels of involvement can be from volunteers to help run some of the events when we ask for help, all the way through to being an active committee member, so please don't think you will have to give up loads of your time by attending this session – you can be as involved as you would like to be.

This meeting will take a maximum of 30 minutes of your time. Should you wish to attend, please drop us an e-mail to register your interest at [focus.cupernham@yahoo.com](mailto:focus.cupernham@yahoo.com). We will share the log in details and agenda with those that register interest closer to the meeting date.