

Friends of Kettlesing School Chair Report

2022-2023

This has been the first year since 2020 that has not been affected by COVID restrictions in any way and that has allowed us to have a full year of events and fundraising. Overall the events have gone well and hopefully have been enjoyed by everyone. It has been really good to see more involvement from 'new' parents, both at the Friends meetings and the events. Any help with anything is always greatly appreciated. It is also worth noting that new ideas are always welcomed – this helps to keep things interesting and hopefully continue to get more people involved.

The 'big events' of the year (Fewston Teas and the disco/raffle) have helped to boost funds again. As always, volunteers are crucial to make Fewston Teas work well and we will be doing this again in June 2024 so don't be booking any holidays then! The Christmas disco was enjoyed by all the children and went well. The Friends would welcome feedback on the event compared to previous years doing the Christmas fair so we can decide how to approach the event at the end of this year.

The smaller events are also crucial to the fundraising pot and I would like to say thank you to Helen Broadbent for her never ending wonderful ideas! Keep these coming please.

I think we need to remember to involve our community as much as possible with school events. Thank you to the Queens Head for their continued support – the bonfire event was brilliant and Glen really helped us out with the fundraising on the night. This is something we hope to organise again this year. We have a wealth of different businesses in the area and also people in the community who have lived here a long time, who would love to help the school in any way they can – we need to think of ways to incorporate this at events and daily learning in school.

We wouldn't be able to raise as much as we do and do so much in school without the fabulous support of our parents, grandparents, teachers, staff and friends of Kettlesing Felliscliffe Primary School. We hope the Friends as a committee come across as a friendly and welcoming group and thank you to the other members for their time, resources and that all important "can do" attitude in what continues to be a challenging time for many due to wider financial pressures.

P.s a big thank you to Kerry Glasswell for her amazing baking donations whenever we have needed it!

As we have not spent much in the last couple of years we have quite a lot in the bank at the moment. The Friends have asked parents and teachers for ideas on how to spend this money, I have listed some of the ideas given below.

Parents

- Climbing/wooden play equipment/Trim Trail etc

- Advertising stray Ferret/Harrogate Advertiser
- Computers/Laptops
- Gazebo for Friends events
- Covering cost of panto (which we did)
- School Trips
- More diverse play equipment
- School kitchen/garden
- PE hoodies/Leavers hoodies paid for (we already do pay for leavers hoodies)
- Camera intercom for front door
- Games for indoor play
- Headphones/Audio Equipment
- Smartboard

Teachers

- New football goals/sport equipment
- Resources to help build the SEND hub
- Ipads/Laptops
- Arts and crafts equipment

My thoughts – Musical instruments, sports equipment (tennis/badminton racquets etc), trips or getting people into school to do different activities, raised beds for the field (vegetables).

We can have a look through all these suggestions and use the funds we have to get some in place. I have also looked at different grants that we may be able to apply for if we have a certain project in mind.

We all know there has been many changes in school over the last year but we are hoping going forward that things have settled and the school can now go from strength to strength. I hope we can all think of some lovely events going forward this year and continue to build on the children's learning and development.