

FDPS Chairpersons Report

Tuesday 4th Sept 2018

Friends of Duns Primry School was formed a few years ago following the merger of the old school council and the PTA. We are a group of parents, carers, teachers and other members of staff who give up our time to help the school in different ways. It is a great way to meet other parents and the staff, and to find out what is happening in the school and give input and support where applicable. Our main objectives are

- to promote partnership between the school, its parents and carers and all its pupils.
- to develop and engage in activites which support and enrich the education of all pupils.
- to represent the views of parents and carers on school education provided and other matters affecting the welfare of pupils.
- to raise funds and provide fun events for the childrens benefits.

One of the main areas we cover is fundraising for the School. In the last year, we have held 2 discos for the whole school for Nursery to Primary 7, we had a hugely profitable Xmas Fair, and organised personalised Christmas cards, and not fogetting our fun filled Summer Fete. All the money raised by FDPS is used to provide a better learning enviroment for our children. We also donated £500 to the school at Christmas to allow each teacher to give their pupils a Christmas Treat. FDPS also secured £3,000 from Blackhill Windfarm. Pauline Heron, who was our Vice-Chairperson recently attended their AGM where she thanked them for their grant which we used to purchase shelving, books and artwork for our new school Library.

Another appreciated gesture was to provide cakes and refreshments after the church services at Christmas and at various school open events.

FDPS are also consulted on matters relating to the school such as the relocation of the primary school, input to the school handbook, The school are very good at listening and asking for the opinions of FDPS and this is why being on the committee, being a parent rep, and attending the meetings is so important.

The Treasurers Report will give you more information regarding the funds we have raised and where this money has been spent, but we have had a very profitable year where we habe been lucky enough to give a lot of money to the school, and most recently we have given the school £4,000 to purchase new laptops for the childrens use.

Our biggest achievement was being successful in being awarded £29,000 from the SBC localaties fund.

This money has now been used to give our children fantastic facilities in this school of a new outdoor playground, lighting and curtains for the stage. We were also lucky enough to be donated 10 picnic benches from Fleming Homes who we made a friendship with while out campaigning for votes. We also feel that this venture has helped us build a great relationship with the wider Duns community, and this relationship is something we would like to build on in the future.

FDPS have had a good year, we have tried to include as many parents and carers as possible and all of our events mentioned would not be possible without their support. I am not going to mention specific names, mainly in case I miss someone out, but all our children love and appreciate the events we hold and your continued support in taking these forward would be as ever appreciated.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their help and support over the last year. When I took on the role I did not appreciate the effort which goes into organising events and it certainly would not be possible without the huge support of my fellow office bearers, the committee members, parents and teachers. Lastly, I hope we have continued success and build on our previous years experiences to ensure our children have another enjoyable year at DPS.

Thank You

Julie