



F.O.E.S

FRIENDS OF EARITH SCHOOL

INFORMATION PACK

A VERY WARM WELCOME TO OUR SCHOOL

As a new family within our school community we have written this booklet for you.

It aims to set out all the information you will need to know about **F.O.E.S (FRIENDS OF EARITH SCHOOL)** - which is a big part of our school life. If after having read it (and we apologise for its length, but there is so much to tell you!) you have any questions, please do get in touch with one of the committee members, or ask via your class teacher or the school office.

WHY DO WE HAVE A F.O.E.S COMMITTEE?

We are very fortunate at our school to have a F.O.E.S Committee that has been such an integral part of the school community for over 20 years. In its time F.O.E.S has raised many thousands of pounds, which have been spent on improving equipment and resources to enhance our children's education and facilities in the school in general.

But it is much, much more than just fundraising. F.O.E.S exists to provide closer links between home and school, and it is an excellent way to bring staff, parents and friends together socially in support of the school working towards a common goal.

All parents and members of the school community can get involved if they want to, even if they only have a small amount of time available, and **all parents are automatically members of F.O.E.S when they join our school.** This is why you are all warmly invited to attend.....

OUR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM) WEDNESDAY 11TH OCTOBER 2017 AT 8PM IN THE SCHOOL HALL

This is an opportunity for all parents to come along and hear in more detail about events and funds raised and how the money has been spent. By attending you can give us your ideas for future events, ask questions or voice your opinion. (It is also the occasion when we elect our new committee).

HOW WE RAISE THE MONEY

As in most schools, the majority of our funds are raised through the events that we run. Some of our past and recent events are:

- Summer Party
- Christmas Bazaar
- Disco's
- Movie Nights
- Quiz Nights
- Monthly Tuck Shops

So you can see there is always something going on! We always try and respond to the children's requests for events and it is truly the icing on the cake to see them having fun at the events or enjoying using a piece of new equipment that F.O.E.S has donated.

Donations are extremely important. These can be time, money, items for sale, donations for raffles or offers of services and skills etc.....

We have, over time, developed strong links with the local community and are always well supported by both residents and businesses, for which we are very grateful. Many of our local shops are very generous in their donations of raffle prizes etc, and have taken part in our Christmas and Summer Fetes.

HOW WE SPEND THE MONEY

(Very quickly!) That way, you can be sure that in supporting our school, your and everybody's child will feel the benefit.

Once the money is raised from events the funds are banked straight away. It is at our F.O.E.S meetings that the decisions on how to spend the money are taken.

We have recently made a substantial donation to the school £9000 to provide each class room with a Clever Touch Screen, these are interactive screens that enhance our children learning and keeps the school and children up to date with todays technology. In the main, F.O.E.S funds are for the 'extras' not provided by the school budget, which makes our children's learning experiences much more fulfilling and exciting.

OUR CONSTITUTION

**OUR AIM IS TO FUND RAISE
FOR ITEMS WHICH WILL BE
OF BENEFIT TO ALL CHILDREN,
GROUPS OF, OR INDIVIDUALS ATTENDING
EARITH PRIMARY SCHOOL**

**ITEMS THAT WILL BENEFIT
THE PUPILS' EDUCATION,
SOCIAL, PHYSICAL AND MENTAL DEVELOPMENT.**

HOW CAN YOU GET INVOLVED?

There are lots of ways you can help and support your child through F.O.E.S. Offering to help before events, or at other times during the year is so valuable - it really is a case of many hands make light work and it doesn't matter if you can't help on a regular basis. We really couldn't do it without the unseen 'army of help' that exists in school. You can help by letting us know if you have any contacts or skills we could use - anything is valuable to us - it is often the case that "it's not what you know but who"!

YOU CAN OF COURSE, IF YOU FEEL ABLE, VOLUNTEER TO BE A F.O.E.S COMMITTEE MEMBER.

SUPPORT FROM NCPTA, (National Confederation of Parent Teacher Associations)

F.O.E.S belongs to NCPTA, which is the national charity that advances education and supports PTAs. Membership benefits include extensive list of PTA information and resources, a special banking and insurance package and much more.

NCPTA also has a range of parental information sheets on subjects such as:

- Literacy and numeracy
- Special education needs
- How to help your child get the most out of their school days
- Bullying
- Homework
- Using the internet
- Career paths and much more

You can access this information via their website, www.ncpta.org.uk. To gain entry to the site you will need our membership number: 27914 and our school post code: PE28 3QB. Do have a look....

WHAT F.O.E.S MEANS TO US

Because FOES involves the whole community we thought you would like to know what others think about our committee.

From the children.....

"I like the disco's because you can buy sweets, dance and hang out with your friends."

"The Movie night was really good, we all came in our onesies and brought a pillow to lay on"

"It is good to have a camera in our class as we used to have to go to the office all the time to borrow one."

“Our Storytellers chair is great, it is good to have a special place to go for our stories”

“F.O.E.S are really kind Thank you for everything!”

“The crackers at the Christmas dinner were awesome.”

Thank you for taking the time to read our Information Booklet. We hope you know a little more about your Parent Teacher Association - F.O.E.S.

From all the F.O.E.S Committee

Chairperson	Andy Greavett
Secretary	Alexandra Dawson
Treasurer	Rachel Johnson
School Member	Sian Pritchard
Member	Emma Peters
Member	Elaine Stephen
Member	Corinne Sellens
Member	Ian Whitlam
Member	Hayley Thurston
Member	Niki Townsend
Member	Raheal Alia
Member	Vicky Woolsenholmes
Member	Sarah Butress
Member	Stacey Koronowski

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Registered Charity Number: 1035875

F.O.E.S DIARY DATES 2017

JULY 2017

1st	F.O.E.S Summer Party	2pm-10pm
13th	Sports Day	10:30am

SEPTEMBER 2017

TBC	F.O.E.S Meeting	8pm - School Hall
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OCTOBER 2017

11 TH	AGM	8pm – School Hall
13th	Family Bingo	TBA

DECEMBER 2017

8th	Christmas Bazaar	6pm to 8pm - School Hall
TBA	School Xmas Disco	Whole school 6.30pm-8pm