

Friends of Oxenhope September Newsletter



Welcome

Hello and a warm welcome from the Friends of Oxenhope. Whether you are new to school or if you have been with us for a while here is a little bit about what we do.

The role of Friends is to bring together parents, carers, teachers and children for social events to help build the community within the school. Most of these events aim to raise money to provide additional resources for the school that enhances the children's learning experience.

We aim to offer more than just fundraising; we want our events to give our children and parents a good time and a chance to enjoy themselves. We are extremely conscious of the ethos and morals of our school and community, and we try very hard when organising and planning events to respect this. Every penny that Friends raise is spent directly on resources and experiences for the children, which with ever decreasing funding and budgets for schools is a great thing!

Last year we managed to raise a whopping **£5,884**. This was through a range of fundraising events, donations and grants. We supported the school by donating money towards new laptops, history resources, nature area resources, ice lollies for all the children and the whole school pantomime. Last year saw Friends deliver some new activities for the children with our Winter Wonderland and Easter Eggstravaganza, these events raised no money but were designed to be fun and involve all the children.



Please join us for our next meeting on **MONDAY 10TH OCTOBER at 7:30PM, THE BAY HORSE PUB, OXENHOPE** where we will be discussing events for the upcoming year, and we very much appreciate any new ideas or suggestions.

If you would be interested in getting involved, please come along to the next meeting, or get in touch via email friends.oxenhope@outlook.com to find out more.

There are many ways you can offer your talents and be part of the conversation. If you would like to chat about how you can volunteer for Friends – however much or little time you can spare – please get in touch with a member of the committee, email us or leave a message at the office. Be certain that your help will be greatly appreciated and will make a big difference to support the school in being the amazing, supportive community it is.



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