



F@CES Chair Report

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It has been another great year of events and activities organised by F@CES.

My second year of being chair started with our Spooky Disco, where there were lots of ghoulish goings on. We had a great turn out, with some brilliant costumes, raising £272.

We managed to secure a donation of some doughnuts from Asda and sold them after school and raised £41.

We held our first 'Bags for Schools' collection of the year and collected £113.20. Class 2 were the winners, for the most bags collected.

F@CES developed a school football shirt in collaboration with our sponsor BCO Systems. 12 kits, a goalie kit, goalie gloves, kit bag and water bottles were brought. A huge thank you to BCO Systems for your generosity.

December was the start of all our Christmas events.....

The children designed their own Christmas cards, through the My Child's Art website and with parental support we raised £58.41.

Thanks to the kind donations of parents, through a Mufti day, we had some great prizes for our Christmas raffle, making it a really successful event, raising £646.50

We held an adult wreath making workshop at the Royal Oak with Sarah from Ferntastic Flowers and raised £46.

We used money raised, to pay for the whole school coaches to the pantomime at the Gatehouse.

On the evening of the Nativity we had an impromptu get together and drinks at the Royal Oak.

F@CES provided decorations for the whole school Christmas dinner and managed to source a Christmas tree from Dobbies. Volunteers decorated the John Evans room, creating a magical grotto, in preparation of a very special visitor. Chocolate selection boxes were provided as a Christmas treat for all the children.

The school took part in the Asda Cashpot for schools' scheme and thanks to the parents who shopped in Asda we managed to secure £137.

We completed the 'Fun-raisin' challenge again this year, where the children raised money to fill their raisin packet by doing chores at home. The raisin boxes had a total of £71.95, with Class 2 raising the most money.

We held a Neon disco, where the children had the chance to decorate their own tee-shirts, have their faces painted and had a gift bag with glow sticks and treats. We raised £250.

Easter came around quickly, with Easter games provided by us, for the children to take part in– Guess the name of the unicorn and guess how many sweets were in the jar. We raised £70. We also held an Easter raffle and raised £480. The PTFA set up an Easter Egg hunt around school for the children and the Easter bunny gave each child an Easter egg.

March saw us hold a Parent Quiz at the Royal Oak. 11 teams took part and we raised £100.

Sports Day went ahead this year with F@CES providing the refreshments. We sourced strawberries from Lower Reule farm, cream from Wells Farm Dairy and ice creams from Red Lion Ice Cream Farm in Haughton. £232.53 was raised. We had some ice cream left over from the event and this was sold after school and we raised a further £60.

We held a second 'Bags for Schools' event and even with the short notice, everyone rallied around donating all their unwanted items and we raised £66.

On top of all this, we had the ongoing revenue generated from the 100 Club. A huge thank you to Miss Langan for organising the monthly draws.

F@CES provided end of year presents of pencils, postcards and an ice cream for each child on the whole school trip to West Midlands Safari Park. Year 6 received theirs when they went to Alton Towers and we have put some money aside for the current year 6's to have theirs when they go on their upcoming trip.

We also organised Leavers hoodies for the Year 6 children and were very excited to fund 2 terms worth of EKO sessions for all the children across the school, giving them the opportunity to experience forest school style activities.

In total, we raised a whopping **£4,728** across the year. Donating **£8,916** back into the school through purchasing treats for the children, EKO sessions, transport for trips, football kits and activities.

We have also developed the use of the PTA events website to make booking for activities easier, a Facebook and Instagram page and we are hoping to also create our own F@CES section on the school website.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our teacher representative – Mr Baker, for all his support.

I would also like to say a huge thank you to all our parent volunteers who worked hard securing funding, donations and organising the finer details to events – posters, selling raffle tickets, purchasing food and drink. This year, we have seen a huge increase in parental involvement, which is brilliant. We couldn't run events and provide the best for our children, without this support, so thank you.

I would like to say a special thank you to our treasurer Sam, who works tirelessly behind the scenes counting money, banking, sorting invoices and creating endless floats. It is very much appreciated.

This year, we have lots of exciting ideas to start planning for, including a spooky disco, Christmas raffle, children's Christmas art workshop, wreath making, quiz, Easter bingo and colour run to name but a few. We are all looking forward to raising even more funds and providing more exciting opportunities for all of the children at Church Eaton. For the 25/26 year, we will be focussing our fundraising efforts, on developing the allotment area at the front of the school, into a sensory garden.