

Friends of Baydon School Chairperson's Report Parish Assembly April 2010

“The Friends of Baydon School” (Fobs) is a registered charity allowing the local community to be involved in helping their school. Parents automatically become Friends when their child starts school and are invited to their regular meetings. The Friends hold a variety of events throughout the year both social and fundraising which the whole community take part in, enabling us to help raise funds to purchase equipment etc for use at our school.

As Joint-Chairperson of FOBS I am delighted to report we have raised over **£6,000** for the school. This has been achieved by continued support of the committee and the local community, which I would like to use this opportunity to give my grateful thanks for.

This year we have raised money throughout the year by organising several fund raising projects such as the Xmas Fayre, Bags2Schools, school disco, May Fayre, sold Organised Mum calendars and diaries, sold second hand uniform, school bags, caps and water bottles to name but a few. The Friends also served teas/coffees at church services and concerts. Our most recent event was the Easter Extravaganza, which although had a late change of venue due to the weather, was very well supported by children, parents and villagers.

Fobs used some of the funds to give all the children a Christmas Party, which I believe was enjoyed by all. The school in turn have made good use of the money raised by spending, £400.00 on the Lego workshop, £200.00 on Wagtails after school care and £730.00 on steps for KS1 children.

We have also given over £5000.00 to the Building Fund Committee towards the cost of the new build. FOBS have also whole heartedly supported the Fundraising committee too by helping at car washes, quizzes, barn dances etc to help raise even more money.

I would again like to thank all committee members for their time and support and parents/villagers for their generosity shown in this difficult economic climate, and to warn you that next year we have even more projects in mind!!!

It is truly my pleasure being involved in such a worthwhile cause and I would like to encourage other parents to try and be actively involved too, even if they have only limited time available. We as a committee do have fun and do hugely benefit the school which in turn benefits our children.

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