



Friends of Estfeld Newsletter

January 2019

Our third meeting of the year took place on Wednesday 16th January. Thank you to all of those who attended. It was great to see some new faces and to share new ideas!



Since the last newsletter the Christmas Fair has taken place. This was a great success. We raised a fantastic £1268! This is a little more than last year and a total to be really proud of! The Father Christmas Grotto numbering system seemed to work well and the altered layout eased congestion a little. A huge thank you to everyone who helped prepare the fair, set up, run stalls, donate items or clear away. Thank you to Years 5 and 6 for their fantastic games, we hope you enjoyed the popcorn and DVD we provided by way of thanks. Many thanks to you all for your continued support



Funds and expenses

We hope your children enjoyed the school pantomime visit. Mine certainly did! This was paid for by Friends of Estfeld and was fun for the whole school as an end of term treat, without costing families additional money at Christmas time!



We welcome ideas for future spending projects.

Dates for your Diary

Spring Disco - Thursday 7th February

Reception & Key Stage 1 5pm-6pm

Key Stage 2 6.15pm-7.30pm

"Tickets" will be on sale before and after school; week commencing 28th January. £3.50 per child to include a hotdog, unlimited drinks and lots of disco fun!



Bingo - Family fun, (or leave the kids at home and enjoy with friends!) Friday 8th March 6.30-9.30pm

£1 per player to attend, bar and snacks available, £1 dabbers and £1 per game.

Watch out for announcements on the notice boards.

Spring Fair - Friday 29th March 1.30-3.15pm.

Run by school, supported by Friends of Estfeld.

Next Friends of Estfeld meeting -Wednesday 13th March, 7.15pm, The Carpenter's Arms conservatory.

Can you help?

Although Tessa Smith has continued to do a fantastic job as Secretary, she would like to "pass the baton" on to a new volunteer. If you could spare a couple of hours each half term to pop along and take minutes of key points at meetings, then we would love to hear from you!

We are always looking for new ideas for fundraising or social activities, or for ways to spend our funds. We are a friendly bunch and we don't expect big time commitments from anyone. Any small help is appreciated. Please pop along to our next meeting, or ask a current "Friends" member for details!

A thank you from Foodbank

The left over party food from the school Christmas parties was taken to Foodbank and distributed to families in the first week after Christmas. The parcels at Foodbank do not usually contain non-essentials like crisps. Many of the recipients were very happy and appreciative and I have been asked to pass on their thanks.

Another big thank you to those of you who passed on new, or like new, items for the Foodbank Christmas Present Appeal. They really made a difference.