

Friends of Ryelands – AGM Letter

Registered Charity number 1027119

Tuesday 13th October 2020

Welcome

Hello everyone, for obvious reasons we are unable to hold our usual AGM in person so therefore I am updating you in writing.

First of all, I'd like to welcome all the new parents to the school, I hope your children are all settling in well.

The FOR Committee arrange events and fun activities for the children and parents throughout the school year to raise funds for our registered charity of the same name. These are used to provide each class with funds to use on whatever they feel will benefit their class – new stationery, games for wet play, money towards school trips etc. We also donate a gift for Year 6 leavers. Our biggest project to date is the completed improvements to the Infant Playground – including the Trim Trail area which cost £10,000. As a reminder, we did not have the total amount at the time of installation so the school kindly agreed to pay for the work with repayment plan over three years. We have already paid £7981.59 with a balance to the school of £2018.41 which is due to be paid at the end of this school 2020/21. I have already been in touch with Oasis accounts who understand that it may not be possible to pay the final amount this year due to a lack of fundraising opportunities.

As some of you know, I have decided to step down as Chair after two years in the role. It was a wonderful experience and I'm very proud of what the team has achieved in that time. A huge thanks to Michelle Davis, the Vice Chair, and all the committee members and volunteers. No events could happen without you.

We are looking to elect new Committee Members which include the key organising roles however if parents do not wish to take on a specific role they can simply be added to our WhatsApp and email mailing list so that they are kept updated with what's going on and lend help and support in whatever capacity they can.

We usually have meetings every term alternating between daytime and evening.

We generally agree a Project Manager to oversee each event.

Review of the past 12 months

Sadly, due to the lockdown many of our planned events had to be cancelled. Prior to that, however, we did have two very successful events, the Autumn Disco and Christmas Fair! We also raised funds through Christmas Cards and Estate Agent boards.

Receipts 19/20	£3529.51
Payments 19/20	£1828.48
Donations to school 19/20	£3340.20
OPENING ACCOUNT BALANCE 01/09/2020	£2922.38

FOR Committee

We need to elect an entirely new committee, so please get in contact if you're willing to take on a role. No experience required and we also welcome job shares.

POSITION	CURRENT
Chair	Georgie Fellows
Vice Chair	Michelle Davis
Secretary	Anna Anscombe/Telisha Gardiner
Vice Secretary	-
Treasurer	Vanessa Messer
Vice Treasurer	Simon Guerrier
Events/Communication Officer	Chloe Edwards

Forthcoming Events

Sadly due to COVID-19 we are currently unable to organise any events on school premises.

We will continue to arrange the occasional Mufti Day which raises funds for the school by asking each child to donate £1 for wearing their own clothes.

We hope to be able to still arrange Christmas Cards (or thank you cards for those families that don't celebrate Christmas) to be drawn by the children for parents and carers to purchase and to have our Easter and Summer discos next year.

Fundraising Opportunities:

There are several ways you can still help raise funds for the school during this time.



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1. Head to <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/oasisacademyryelands/> and join for free.
2. Every time you shop online, go to easyfundraising first to find the site you want and start shopping.
3. After you've checked out, that retailer will make a donation to your good cause for no extra cost whatsoever!

Do you or anyone you know work for one of these companies? Please get in touch to discuss match-funding.



PLEASE DONATE YOUR OLD & FOREIGN COINS & BANKNOTES

Friends of Ryelands can collect:

- ✓ All foreign coins and banknotes
- ✓ Current UK coins and banknotes
- ✓ Any old British and Irish money
- ✓ Even obsolete currency!

Please ask your friends, relatives and neighbours to donate too! Return money in an envelope and give to your teacher.

Contact details:

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