



Ox Close Primary School, Ox Close, Spennymoor, Co Durham, DL16 6RU
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Registered Charity Number: 1152103

Dear Parents and Carers

Big Big Thank you!! – We all hope you are all keeping well during this uncertain time. Ox Close Friends would like to thank each and everyone one of you for supporting our fundraising efforts over the last year especially after the year we have had. We would also like to thank the volunteers who have helped out at events. Between us we have raised a whopping **£2,333.86** for the children between our Discos, Coffee mornings, Christmas crafts and all other events that have happened.

As you all know, fundraising is essential in these times of government school cuts to ensure the children have the resources they need to improve a particular area of the curriculum or school environment. We have also regularly donated in the past to school trips. OCF funds are spent on the 'extras' that are not provided by the school's budget, thus making our children's learning experiences so much more fulfilling and exciting. PTA funds are not spent on improving the fabric of the school building as this is the responsibility of the school Governing Body. Our Constitution commits OCF to spending money on things that will benefit the children directly.

Expenditure – This year we have purchased for the children:

- £300 – Donation to Jude Grayson (GoFundMe)
- £310 – Selection boxes at Christmas
- £50 – Attendance Prize
- £558.90 – Year 6 leaver's hoodies
- £1,650 – Donation to the school to help with end of year/leavers/covid activities.

AGM & Committee for 2020/2021 – Each year in August we elect the committee for the coming year in our Annual General Meeting. There are three main roles: Chair, Vice-Chair & Treasurer plus the general 'committee members'. Our AGM will be over Zoom 12th August 2020 6pm (Meeting link below). In order for OCF to continue raising these vital funds, it is essential we can form a committee so please do come along to the meeting – it is open to all (parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, older siblings etc...) and we would love to hear some new ideas!

The committee is very informal and a way parents can get involved in deciding which fundraising events we should do in the next year. The AGM puts together a programme of fundraising events, one per half term including termly coffee mornings, and runs the dates by the school ahead of sending out the dates to all parents in a start of year newsletter.

Helping Out Where Needed - It only takes a few people to plan an event but a whole lot more to run one! Please provide us with your contact details if you are able to volunteer at any of our events or if you are interested in joining the organising committee by emailing us at oxclosefriends@gmail.com.

ZOOM LINK AGM

<https://zoom.us/j/96811628069?pwd=UjQocm85Rm96NoRCcXNYQW4wMWdkZz09>

Meeting ID: 968 1162 8069

Password: 4SXQrn

There is also another very easy way to earn cash for the school when do you're your online shopping at no extra cost to yourself!

Did you know that whenever you buy anything online - from your weekly shop to your annual holiday - you could be collecting FREE donations for Ox Close Friends?

There are over 3,000 shops and sites on board ready to make a donation, including Amazon, eBay, Asda Groceries, Expedia, Tesco Groceries, Argos, and Sports Direct – it doesn't cost you a penny extra!

It's as easy as 1, 2, 3...

1. Head to <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/oxcloseprim/> and join for free (or download the free app and register there).
2. Every time you shop online, go to EasyFundraising first to find the site you want and start shopping through that link.
3. After you've checked out, that retailer will make a donation to Ox Close Friends for no extra cost whatsoever!

There are no catches or hidden charges and Ox Close Friends will be extremely grateful for your donations!!!

A BIG Thank you for your support and we will see you all very soon hopefully.

The Ox Close Friends Committee 2019/2020.