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The Friends of Caston Primary School – Charity no. 1045671

I'd like to start by wishing everyone a Happy New Year and a warm welcome to the spring term.

Over the festive period we raised a phenomenal amount of money through the sale of Christmas cards, school disco tickets and our annual raffle. In total we raised over £1,000, with a profit of nearly £450.

We sold £366 worth of raffle tickets, which I am very pleased to say is nearly £100 more than the previous year's figure. It means we sold more tickets than there are days in the year. We also accumulated more prizes than we have ever had before (86) which is 2 more prizes than pupils enrolled on the school register.

We also had great participation in our Christmas card event, again raising more than we have in previous years.

As always, the Christmas disco was very much enjoyed by the children (and adults). We are looking to arrange our next disco to tie in with for the King's Coronation, with further details to be announced closer to the time.

These are all massive achievements, especially considering the current economic climate, and I can't thank those that donated, bought tickets and helped, enough.

It's generosity like this that enables events such as Father Christmas attending the school with selection boxes for all the children, subsidised travel for school trips and special events such as the Year 6 leavers day, to take place. So a big thank you to each and every one of you.



This is a huge sum of money for us to raise and will greatly benefit the children in the coming year. Talking of which, in 2023 we would really like to spruce up the outside areas such as the picnic tables etc. One Saturday in the Spring, we would like to open up the school field to anyone in our community that would be willing to help with this. Could you come help paint a fence, plant some flowers, or lend a helping hand? If you would like to be involved please get in contact with myself or the school and I can include you in our future arrangements.

Something else we would also like to do moving forward is hold an annual fete. To do this we would like to make some fairground stalls that can be used each year to raise money, such as a Hook a Duck, a Coconut Shy and a Spin the Wheel. We are able to provide the materials needed, but if anyone has the skills themselves or knows someone with the skills to help make such items it would be very much appreciated. Again, please get in touch if this is something you can help with.

We are always looking for members to join our committee and would love to hear from anyone who would like to get involved. There are lots of ways you can help. If you would like further details or just an informal chat about what we do please just ask.

Other Fundraising

We've registered with easyfundraising and we need your help!

Easyfundraising is a great website where you can help Caston C of E VA Primary School raise funds simply by doing your everyday online shopping with over 3,300 big name retailers like Amazon, Argos, John Lewis, ASOS, Booking.com, eBay, Boden, and M&S.

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Yours faithfully

Susan Stubbins
Chair of The Friends of Caston Primary School