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Who are “Friends” of Edenham School?

“Friends” is a group much similar to any PTFA group. We are made up from volunteers, parents & along with other family members, who give a deal of their time to get together to plan & organise fundraising events for the benefit of the children & the school.



What are the aims of “Friends”?

- To raise money for the benefit of the children & the school.
- To provide little extras for the children
- Organise social events for the parents
- Provide a warm welcome for new parents to school

What do we do?

In the past, we have organised a wide variety of events both in the school and further afield.

Some of these events can be simple as serving tea & coffee at school plays to organising the Annual Summer Fete.

Some of the events “Friends” have organised.

- Hot dog lunches
- Christmas Bazaar
- Raffles at events
- School Discos
- Year 6 leavers parties
- Tea towels designed by the children
- The Annual Summer Fete
- Quiz Nights
- Christmas cards designed by the children
- Bags 2 School



And many more.....

What “Friends” have provided.

- School Equipment including interactive whiteboards, cameras, maths games, toys, etc
- Christmas party & Special visit from Father Christmas!
- Leavers gifts & t shirts
- Storyteller
- Contributed towards the new garden designed by the children
- Prizes for competitions
- Children’s Entertainer
- Refreshments & prizes at Discos
- Contributions to School trips
- Yearly funding for each class
- Library books
- Book bags to new Reception starters



How can I get involved?

Anyone can join “Friends” who has a child at Edenham school whether you are a parent or any other family member. We are always grateful for extra help!

Simply come along to one of the meetings & participate. We hold a general meeting, one every new term (Autumn, Spring & Summer). Throughout each term there are several “working” meetings for events.

Dates for the “general” meetings will be distributed at the start of every new school year. The “working” meetings dates will be advertised throughout the terms.

Again everyone is welcome!

When & Where?

The “Friends” meetings are generally held in the staffroom if it is available, located in the old school building, first door on the right. If for some reason the staffroom is unavailable, we may hold the meetings in the school hall or across at Edenham’s Regional House (the Vicarage).

Dates & times do vary and will be notified in several ways;

- Parentmail - if you are registered do keep an eye open from “Friends” as we use this method often.
- Blackboard underneath the School’s noticeboard
- Facebook - we have a facebook page so why not join and regularly get updates on meetings and other information too?
- “Friends” letters - now & again we send out letters on blue paper in the children’s book bags, so keep your eyes peeled!
- School website - all dates of meetings & information can be found on the school’s own website www.edenham.lincs.sch.uk/friends.asp

Special Note for Dads!

We are always in need of Dads for help. Whether it is use of your manpower to help erect the marquee for the Annual Summer Fete, carrying and lifting tables & chairs for other events OR whether we can use you as “bouncer” for the school discos, we are always glad of your help too.

Suggestions?

If you have any suggestions for events or how we can raise more funds for the children & school, then please do not hesitate to get in touch;

- Speak to any member of “Friends”
- Come along to any of the meetings
- Leave us a note & place it in our pigeon hole in the school office.

We are always glad and willing to try out new ideas to raise funds.

Thank you!



Notes

