

FOCSA (Friends of Cockfield School Association) Report for Village Annual meeting May 24

The school PTA are constantly striving to raise money to allow us to fund and put funds towards a number of extra-curricular events for the children of Cockfield Primary School.

In the Autumn term we hold Race night for school children, their families, and the wider community as our autumn term fundraising event so we can help to pay for coach costs for the Christmas trip to the Panto. Our next one is booked for early September. We also hold a Christmas party for the children at the end of term which usually happens on the same day that Father Christmas visits and gives each child a selection box paid for by FOCSA.

The Spring term involves Chocolate Bingo as our main event which is usually well attended by children, parents, and some of the wider Cockfield community also.

In the Summer term we use Sports Day to hold our Summer Raffle where prizes are arranged by colour, the children donate items to make up the bulk of the prizes.

The FOCSA disco provides fun at the end of term for the children too and is a good “send off” for the Year 6 Leavers.

It has also been good to be involved in the Summer Fair to begin to engage with more of the Community, and we look forward to this years fair.

Over the last school year we raised a total of £4000 from all fundraising activities.

We use the funds we raise to pay for Wish List items for the school, fund towards coach costs and class trips to try and keep costs down for parents. Last year we paid for a Music workshop, Cushions for the Bench in the garden that we purchased the previous year. Every Yr6 leaver get a gift of a Scientific calculator for high school. We also as a treat from the previous headteacher paid for ice cream van to attend sports day for all the children to have a Mr whippy ice cream.

Our concern is that each year as new pupils join us, we have only a few parents willing to join the Committee and support us with their time and effort and, if we cannot continue parents will see a sharp increase in costs for these extra-curricular activities. We are hoping for a little recruitment drive for the new academic year as we need continued support to allow our children to enjoy the “extra’s” we provide.

Hannah Bayes

FOCSA Chair