

THE ESA ECHO

WHAT IS THE ESA?

The ESA is run by parents with the twin aims of developing links between parents and school and raising money for the benefit of the School and all its pupils.

Each parent of a child at Elm C of E Primary School automatically becomes a member of the ESA. You are entitled to attend any of the Committee Meetings and the more parental input we can get, the better.

Other attendees at the ESA Committee Meetings include Mrs McCullum and any other members of the Teaching Staff who wish to come along.

Some of you may not know but there are many things that the ESA can take credit for, for example, the school discos. These are planned, paid for and run solely by the ESA. All funds raised from the events are then ploughed back into the School. Just some of the benefits from school discos alone have included Book Bags for all new Reception children, digital cameras for every class and gifts for all Year 6 children leaving to go up to Secondary School.

A few years ago the ESA applied to the National Lottery and obtained a grant for £5,000 and this money was used to build the Adventure Playground which the children of the school will enjoy for many years to come. Further funds from more recent events purchased the Trim Trail equipment, again being enjoyed by all at the School. Back when we were enjoying the Golden Jubilee, the ESA purchased and planted a special tree and arranged for an entertainer for the children to enjoy that day as well.

So, you may ask, why are we telling you all this? The simple answer is that we need your help. The ESA simply cannot function without help and support from parents of the School. After all, your child/ren attend this School and it will be your child/ren benefiting from the funds that the ESA raise so if you can spare an hour or two, please do! We are always on the lookout for willing volunteers!

With the backing of the School, the ESA can provide exciting things and events which will hopefully bring a smile to the face of your child/ren and improve the facilities offered to everyone.

Let's make our School Community a great one!

2010/2011

There have been quite a few changes over the last year to the ESA but, with the help of a few parents, we managed to keep going and raise approximately £4,500 in doing so. One of the biggest events for raising ESA funds is Elm Fete so please, make a note of the date in your diary, and help us make it even better next year!



We were able to make another donation to the Governor's Discretionary Fund which helps those children whose families may need a little financial help from time to time with the funding of school trips; purchase further sets of hand bells after these proved a big hit with the children; make donations to each class towards books to support the Curriculum and more recently, allocate funds to refurbish the Reception Play Area. None of which would be available without the funds raised by the ESA.

ESA HISTORY

Over the years, the ESA has been fortunate enough to help the School in many ways. Just some of these have included:

New furniture and accessories for the Home Corner in the

Reception class;

- Donations made to the Governor's Discretionary Fund;
- New CD/radio to enable the children to listen to a broader range of music for their studies;
- Donations towards a trip for children to see the London Symphony Orchestra;
- Donations made towards the further development of the Reading Book Scheme within the School;
- Donation made towards materials when the new staging was built;
- Donations made towards materials for resource boxes;
- Overhead projectors;
- Whiteboards;



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And much, much more!

Just some of the events held to raise money over the years have included:

- School Discos
- Quiz Nights
- Bingo
- Race Nights
- Casino Nights
- Pamper Evenings
- Fashion Shows
- Craft Fairs
- Elm Fete
- And much, much more!

But we need your help to bring in some fresh ideas.



The ESA and the events they organise cannot prosper without your help and support so, on behalf of all the children who have benefited from ESA funds in one way or another, thank you. We really do appreciate those parents who may not be able to give up their time to join the Committee but always support the events put on.

The ESA is run voluntarily by a handful of parents who give up their time for it. If you want something to be done for your child/ren then your voice needs to be heard. Even if you cannot make a meeting, contact one of the ESA members and let them know. You can always put your suggestions in writing. All the contact information is on the Notice Board by the ramp outside the Year 2 classroom.

CURRENT OFFICERS

Chair: Dan Catt & Kelly-Jane Erkin

Vice Chair: Position Vacant

Treasurer: Natalie Gooch

Secretary: Susan Godby & Zoe Drew

At the upcoming AGM it will be time to elect the Officers for 2011/12; please spare an hour if you can to attend.

ARE YOU IN BUSINESS?



There are opportunities available for any parents who wish to advertise their business or service on the ESA Notice Board. If you would like any further information regarding this please contact us, in writing, via the School Office.

Please note that we reserve the right to refuse any advertisements that are not deemed suitable within the School grounds.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Wednesday 19 October
AGM (6:30pm)

Friday 16 December
Christmas Disco

Saturday 23 June 2012
Elm Fete

We will be planning lots more events for the coming year and will keep you posted as soon as we have. Don't forget though that you can keep up-to-date with ESA information by visiting our page on the School website (www.elmcofeprimaryschool.com/ESA.html) or checking the Notice Board by the ramp outside the Year 2 classroom.