



Finally, the days are getting longer, the sun has made an appearance once or twice and spring is well on its way (well, it was for a day or so). With Easter just around the corner, we thought we'd give you an update on what the **Friends of Clavering** have been up to this term.

FoC Team Update

First of all, we have some new team members at the FoC! Following the AGM in January, we are delighted to introduce our newest members; Jenny Hemsley is joining Anna as Co-Chair, Jackie Thomerson is our new Treasurer, and we have two new trustee members joining the team; Charlotte Pellew and Maria Lawrence. I'm sure you will all join me in welcoming the new team members and thanking the existing committee for their ongoing hard work and support.

Here's the team in full:

- Co-chairs: Anna Gawthorpe, Jenny Hemsley
- Treasurer: Jackie Thomerson
- Secretary: Beth Lawless
- Trustees: Alison Course, Jenny Middleton, Kate French, Hollie Thomas, Lex Carey, Julie Rotherham, Maria Lawrence

The Year So Far...

With the help of the team and our new recruits, we've squeezed in a few fundraising events in since last September.

Back in October, pumpkin decorating was great fun: we had some really amazing creations and raised **£70!**



Our various Christmas activities (including Christmas cards, Shopping Morning and Santa's Boots) raised **over £700**, and our ever-popular neon discos have raised around **£1400** across both terms – it's always lovely to see so many of the children having such a great time and dancing the night away!



Shopping Morning donations!



Calamity Clown



Flipping fantastic!

And thank you so much for your generous sponsorship to the children who had a brilliant time flipping pancakes back in February – they absolutely loved it and we raised **over £900!!**

Easter Egg Hunt

It'll take more than a bit of rain to put a halt to our annual Easter Egg Hunt at the school. Despite the drizzle, the children had a great time hunting for their eggs!



Where does the money we raise go?

Here's an overview of how and where the money we raise is used to benefit the whole school:

- Calamity Clown came and entertained the children before Christmas after their Christmas lunch, and it was great to see so many of the children get involved and enjoy the chaos.
- We've donated £3,000 towards new IT equipment at school which will help more children be able to work on laptops and iPads
- We supported Author Week, which gave the children some great inspiration to read more books and even pen their own novel!
- The children were as excited as ever about hunting for Easter Eggs on the last day of this term

Moving forwards, we're aiming to continue to support events at the school like those above, and to keep helping the school raise vital funds for IT equipment so that multiple classes can have access to laptops and iPads.

Did you know?
Over the last 11 years, the FoC Team have raised over £100,000 to support the school! Thank you to everyone who has contributed!

Help us raise even more!

Beyond our events, here are more easy ways to support the Friend of Clavering and the school:

JustGiving™

Direct Donations

Thank you so much to those families who support the Friends of Clavering fundraising efforts through regular donations. If you would like to support the school with a regular or one-off donations, you can use this link:

www.justgiving.com/friendsofclavering

 **easyfundraising.org.uk**
feel good shopping

Easy Fundraising

The easiest way to donate money for free! Just sign up online or via the app, and Friends of Clavering will receive a percentage of any shopping you do online through the scheme – **at no extra cost to you.**

Date for the diary!

BAG2SCHOOL is a great opportunity to have a good clear out over the Easter Holidays and donate your bags of clothing (non-uniform) and shoes. We get paid per kg, so the more you can donate, the more we will receive! The next BAG2SCHOOL collection will be the **3rd May**.

Thank you everyone!

Thanks again to the entire FoC team, the school staff and of course all of you for your ongoing support. Have a fantastic Easter holiday and we look forward to bring you some exciting events next term!
From all of us on the FoC Team!