

POPS

March 2019



The POPS (Parents of Oulton Primary School) committee meet once every half term on a Wednesday evening. We discuss and co-ordinate fundraising initiatives, with the aim of raising vital funds to support the school and its children and families. Money raised is used to subsidise the cost of school trips, purchase a range of equipment to support learning and provide exciting activities, events and opportunities for the children. Everyone is welcome to attend our meetings, so please come along and get involved. Our next meeting is 24th April 2019 at 7.00pm. The more help we have, the bigger and better our events can be!

Please visit, like and follow our Facebook page to keep up to date with any forthcoming events. We also now have an email address pops@oultton.leeds.sch.uk you want to contact us directly.

Our elected committee members are;
Lacey Winterbottom – Chair
Laura Churchill – Vice Chair
Angela Hirst – Treasurer
Catherine Edwards – Secretary
Miss Brown – School representative

Please feel free to speak to any of the POPS committee if you would like to find out more about POPS or would like to get involved.

M&M Productions Snow White Pantomime in January 2019

The children (and staff) enjoyed a fabulous performance of Snow White in January. We were told that the laughter could be heard from the school corridors! POPS were delighted to be able to fund this event for the children (approx. £850) and have recently approved a request to fully fund next year's pantomime by M&M Productions.



Spring Discos



We hope all the children who attended our KS1 and KS2 Spring discos enjoyed themselves. We certainly saw some fantastic dancing, although the award for the most enthusiastic dancing has to be given to the teachers, our particular favourite being the teachers' dance in the catwalk at the KS2 disco! We were overwhelmed with the number of children who came to both discos. A big thank you must be given to all our parent, carer and staff volunteers who help at this event; without them the discos could not take place. We raised approximately £500 from these events.



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Ladies shopping night 'Evening of Elegance'

On March 7th, we invited a range of local small businesses to join us for our 'Evening of Elegance' shopping event. This was a brilliantly attended night with over 70 tickets sold! With prosecco flowing, ladies shopped until they dropped and enjoyed a child-free evening with friends. Our luxury raffle was a huge success with some gorgeous prizes donated by our stall holders.

A massive thank you to 'Team Elegance' who coordinated the evening and ensured that everything ran smoothly. A big thank you also to the businesses who attended and to all those who supported the event by buying a ticket and joining us. We raised a fantastic £540!

As we plan to hold a similar evening near Christmas, we would welcome any feedback from those that attended. Please speak to a member of POPS or contact us on pops@oulton.leeds.sch.uk



School council meeting



Lacey and Laura will be attending a school council meeting in the next couple of weeks and setting them the task of finding out how pupils would like POPS to support them. They will be asking them to come up with some fundraising ideas that can involve POPS and pupils working together, as well as ideas for how POPS funds should be spent. If you follow our Facebook page, you will know that previous ideas have included a swimming pool so we look forward to bringing you the children's latest offerings!

Are you aware that in the last year POPS has supported school by providing the following?

- Approximately £800 towards the cost of new outdoor games equipment
- Approximately £2,850 towards the cost of the MUGA (Multi Use Games Area) on the KS2 playground
- Gave Father Christmas approximately £350 so all pupils had the opportunity to visit him in the school grotto and receive a gift
- Approximately £375 per year group towards the cost of coach travel for school trips in order to lower the cost for families
- Fully funded the M&M Theatrical Production of Snow White, at a cost of almost £850
- Fully funded the cost of the Dementia Friendly 'Christmas Card to You' Scheme, which cost approximately £10

The POPS committee would like to thank you for your continued support at all of our events.

