

247.1 i) Application for funding - Friends of Clavering School

**Application for funding
from the Friends of Clavering School to Clavering Parish Council**

Friends of Clavering

The Friends of Clavering School (FOC) is a registered charity (charity number 1069704), which is run and supported by volunteers. The FOC's purpose is to fundraise money for Clavering Primary School, to help fund any priority needs which the school does not have sufficient funding for, and which support and enhance the quality of the education the children receive who attend the school.

Project Details

The FOC is seeking £3000 in funding from Clavering Parish Council within their April 2025 - April 2026 financial year. The funds will be used to purchase two classroom smartboards (costing £1500 each).

Like all current state-funded schools, the government funding which Clavering Primary School receives is incredibly limited, and is required to cover ever-increasing costs (with little increase in funding having been seen for the rising inflation that has taken place over the last two years).

The school has a recurring annual budget of £2,500 to cover IT costs. However, this is fully allocated each year to cover all of the IT licenses and IT support which the school needs. This leaves no funds available for purchasing much-needed IT equipment, essential for the majority of the curriculum.

The recommended age limit for school smartboards is 5 years based on their warranty timeframe and new and improved technology. However currently the school has one smartboard that is 7 years old, three that are 6 years old, and four that are 5 years old.

The FOC is therefore seeking to fundraise £10,000 over the next 2 years to replace all of the current classroom smartboards. If this application is successful, it will be used to fund the smartboards that are most urgently required to be replaced whilst fundraising for the others continues.

Project Justification

There are currently 183 children on the school's roll for October 2024. The majority of these children come from within Clavering, and the rest come from the surrounding villages.

Clavering Primary School is an incredibly important part of Clavering's community infrastructure. The latest Ofsted rating the school received of 'Good' in May 2022, has contributed to it remaining a popular and well-respected school.

Although the general public and local community will not directly benefit from the new smartboards, the indirect benefit will be felt far and wide. The smartboards are vital for the children's education and will play a key role in the school continuing to be rated highly by Ofsted and others.

The school's continued great reputation and the strong education results it achieves, has significantly helped to attract people to move to Clavering, which has a positive knock on effect for existing residents in terms of house prices and rental rates.

The young families who choose to move to the village because of the school, are also crucial for the continued successful running and support of many of the various community based organisations and facilities within and around Clavering.



FRIENDS OF CLAVERING SCHOOL

Registered Charity No 1069704

THE CONSTITUTION

1. The name of the Association shall be Friends of Clavering School
2. The object of the Association is to advance the education of the pupils in the school.
In furtherance of this objective, the Association may;
 - a. Develop more extended relationships between the staff, parents and other associated with the school,
 - b. Engage in activities which support the school and advance the education of the pupils attending it,
 - c. Provide and assist in the provision of such facilities or items for education at the school (not provided from statutory funds) as the committee in consultation with the Governing Body and Staff shall from time to time determine.
3. The Association shall be non-party political and non-sectarian.
4. The Association shall take out Public Liability and Personal Accident Insurance to cover its meetings, activities, Officers and Committee.
5. The Association may appoint a President
6. Membership shall consist of all parents and/or guardians of pupils attending the School and all Staff.
7. The Management of the Association shall be vested in a committee consisting of the following officers: A Chairperson (this role may be split in to two, with each co-chair sharing equal responsibility), Honorary Secretary, and Honorary Treasurer, together with at least three other members.
8. The Officers and Committee shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting and shall serve until the commencement of the next Annual General Meeting.
9. Four members of the Committee shall constitute a quorum. The Chairperson has the casting vote.
10. The Committee shall have the power to co-opt additional members as appropriate.



11. The Committee may appoint sub-committees as it deems necessary, and shall prescribe their function provided that all acts and proceedings of any sub-committee shall expend funds of the Association otherwise than in accordance with a budget agreed by the Committee.
12. Committee meetings shall be held at least once per term.
13. The Annual General Meeting will be held in the Autumn term. At the Annual General Meeting, the Chair shall be taken by the Chairperson or in their absence, one of the other Officers.
14. Nominations shall be proposed and seconded by members and should have the consent of the nominee. Nominations may be made at any time prior to the commencement of the Annual General Meeting.
15. The Committee may fill casual vacancies by co-option until the next Annual General Meeting.
16. An auditor who is not a member of the Committee shall be elected annually at the Annual General Meeting to audit the accounts and books of the Association.
17. Special General Meetings may be called at the written request of a minimum of 4 members.
18. Twenty-one days' notice shall be given of any Special General meeting to all members of the Association.
19. The Honorary Treasurer shall be responsible for keeping account of all Income and Expenditure and shall present the accounts duly audited for approval by the members at the Annual General Meeting.
20. Bank Accounts shall be operated in the name of the Association and withdrawals shall be made on the signature of any two Officers of the Association.
21. The Financial year shall commence on the 01 September.
22. Any matter not provided for in the Constitution and concerning the organisation and activities of the Association shall be dealt with by the Committee whose decision shall be final.
23. No alteration to this Constitution may be made except at the Annual General Meeting called for this purpose. No amendments or alterations shall be made without the prior written permission of the Charity Commission to clauses 2, 23 and 24 and no alteration shall be made which could cause the Association to cease to be a charity in law. Alteration to the Constitution shall receive the assent of two thirds of the members present and voting at an Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting.
24. The Association may be dissolved by a resolution presented at a Special General Meeting called for this purpose. The resolution must have the assent of two thirds of those present and voting.



Such resolution may be given instruction for the disposal of any assets remaining after satisfying any outstanding debts and liabilities. These assets shall not be distributed amongst the members of the Association, but will be given to the school, for the benefit of the children of the school, or in the event of the school closure, to the school to which the majority of the children of the closing school will go, in any manner which is exclusively charitable in law. If effect cannot be given to this provision, then the assets can be given to some other charitable purpose.

Amended 10 October 2021 following the Annual General Meeting held 05 October 2021



Hi Everyone,

Thanks for your support at last week's disco, the children were fantastic as always and all had a wonderful time. The money we raised is still being counted but we'll get you an update shortly!

All of the FoC's activities and events aim to raise as much money as possible, to support the funding received by the school, to help provide the best possible education and experience for all of our children. So we thought it was about time we gave you an update on what we're currently raising money for, and how it's going so far!

This year, the FoC team are continuing our efforts to focus on raising money to update the IT equipment which the children use to support them in their learning.

At the beginning of 2023 with fundraising from FoC's events we bought **8 new laptops** for £4,750. Over the summer, we were awarded £1000 by the Stansted Community Fund and a further £750 by the Ward Member's Initiative, and together with £2000 from last summers FoC's fundraising events, including the summer fayre and the fun run, we have recently been able to place another order for **14 new iPads** costing £3,750.

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO SUPPORTED THE FoC EVENTS AND MADE THIS POSSIBLE!

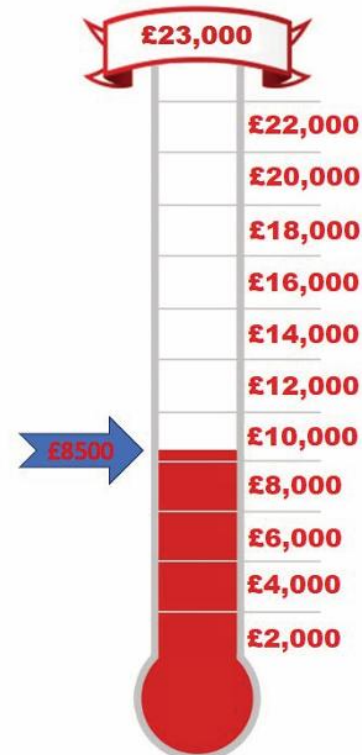
We still have a way to go however, before we reach our goal of having one full class set, of up-to-date laptops and iPads, which all of the children can use to support their learning. We still need to raise around £14,000 to purchase 18 more iPads and 15 more laptops in order to have one full class set of each.

How Can You Help?

- Continue to support FoC's various fundraising activities and events, either by attending or by volunteering your time.
- Sign up to Easy Fundraising: • Download the app or use the link on-line and use it when shopping on-line - FoC will receive a % of everything you spend at no extra cost to you! You can sign up at www.easyfundraising.org.uk or via the app.
- If you know of any grant opportunities or any companies or organisations that might be interested in donating to help us reach our fundraising goal, please contact us on friendsofclavering@gmail.com
- If you wish to make a direct donation, contact us at friendsofclavering@gmail.com or donate through our JustGiving page at www.justgiving.com/friendsofclavering.

Thank you for your continued support,

The Friends of Clavering team.





Fundraising Update

As you know, all of the Friends of Clavering (FOC) activities and events aim to raise as much money as possible, to support the funding received by the school, to help provide the best possible education and experience for all of our children.

This year, we are continuing to focus on raising money to update the IT equipment the children use to support them in their learning. The goal is to have one full class set of 32 laptops and 32 iPads, so that each child can use these independently, and which all of the different year groups will benefit from using.

We have so far been able to purchase **8 new laptops** and **14 new iPads** for a total of £8,500, which is amazing! The goal for 2024 is to purchase **another 15 laptops** and **18 more iPads** in order to have one full class set of each.

Autumn 2023 Fundraising

Last term, our various Friends of Clavering events raised just over

£1,900



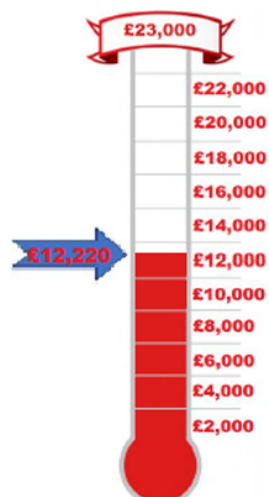
On top of that, we are incredibly grateful to the following organisations and groups from whom we have received grants and donations: **£1,250** from the Clavering Ball, **£850** from the Wendens Ambo Millennium Trust, **£270** from the Langley Fete Fund and **£250** from the Newport Fireworks Fund!!



**Thanks to these amazing efforts, we were able to order another 14 iPads...
and they arrived at the school this week!**



We're Halfway There!



We are absolutely delighted to have **passed the halfway point** of our fundraising target!



This is such incredible news and leaves us with just over £10,000 to raise in order to purchase **the final 4 iPads and 15 laptops!**

How Can You Help?

- **Continue supporting** FOC's fundraising activities and events, either by attending, donating money or items needed, sponsoring your children or...
- Why not **volunteer your time** and join the Committee or our fantastic bunch of event volunteers? It takes up minimal time and is so rewarding. Do get in touch if you'd like to find out more about what is involved, but please note, you will need to be DBS checked via the school before you are able to help out at school events.
- Sign up to **Easy Fundraising** via the app or use the link below. Every time you shop online, the FOC will receive a % of everything you spend at no extra cost to you! You can sign up at www.easyfundraising.org.uk or via the app.
- If you know of any **grant opportunities** or any companies or organisations that might be interested in donating any funds to support the school, please contact us at friendsofclavering@gmail.com
- Are you taking part in any **sponsored events or challenges in 2024**, such as the RideLondon-Essex, or Cambridge Half Marathon/Boundary Run? If so, why not consider gathering your sponsorship money in support of the FOC, which is a registered charity on JustGiving.
- If you would like to make a **direct donation** to the FOC, please contact us at friendsofclavering@gmail.com or donate through our JustGiving page at www.justgiving.com/friendsofclavering

Dates For Your Diary

We've got the following events confirmed, and keep your eyes peeled for more still to come!

- **29 February:** Neon Disco: Tickets on sale via SCOPAY soon!
- **15 March:** Second hand uniform sale after school
- **26 April:** Bag2School: Time for a clear out of any old clothes, accessories and more
- **21 June:** Sponsored Fun Run, watch this space for details!
- **12 July:** Summer Fayre - email us if you'd like to get involved!

As ever, an enormous thank you not only to you all, but to the Friends of Clavering Committee and event volunteers who (we are sure you will agree) do a fantastic job planning, organising, helping, grant applying and more - we wouldn't be able to do it without the whole team!

From The Friends of Clavering Team



Hi all and welcome to the Friends of Clavering Spring Newsletter! Read on for updates on the team, our fundraising efforts and what the money you help to raise has gone towards so far.

We want to start with saying a huge **THANK YOU** and **GOODBYE** to Beth Lawless who left the Committee last term after years of tireless support, effort and baking as a committee member, and scrupulous note taking as our valued Secretary. Thanks for everything Beth!

Fundraising update

Here's an update of what our events have raised since our last newsletter:

- February's Neon Disco raised a whopping **£896**
- Our sponsored pancake toss raised a flipping amazing **£1,239**
- Our pre-loved uniform sales have helped raise **£139**
- Your Easy Fundraising donations (more on that later) have also raised **£29.96**



In addition to our fundraising, we are delighted to say we've received **£150** from Arkesden Parish Council, **£50** from Elmdon, Duddenhoe End & Wendens Lofts Parish Council, **£500** from Langley Parish Council and **£1,100** from Waitrose, Saffron Walden!

We also received £500 from the Ward Member's Initiative administered by local Councillor Edward Oliver. This donation plus an additional £90 from the Friends of Clavering went towards buying 70 new dictionaries and 20 new thesauruses for the school!

★ **This brings our spring term fundraising total to over £4,100!!** ★
This is an incredible amount – thank you all so much for your support and generosity



And there's more still to come!

There's still time to add to the Blue Token Count at both Tescos in Saffron Walden (it's close for second place at the moment!) and our recent Bags2School collection was huge! We're waiting to find out how much we will receive, but a massive thank you to everyone who had a good clear out and contributed to our huge haul.



IT support update

Our fundraising efforts for new iPads and laptops for the school have now reached an incredible **£14,000!**



We were able to place an order for 4 new iPads in April which means we have reached our target of a full class worth of iPads in the school – this is fantastic news we are sure you will agree!

We now have 15 laptops left to purchase until we've reached our target of a full class worth of iPads and laptops.

Thank you again for your donations and generosity and to the FoC members for their ongoing efforts and support

How our funds are used

As well as 4 new iPads, we've also been able to use the grants and fundraising in other areas around the school:

- The children once again loved the Friends of Clavering Easter Egg hunt we held just before the holidays, although we need to get craftier with our hiding places it seems!
- Friends of Clavering were once again able to support the school's extended music programme with a £2,000 donation
- Kirsty and Ross Murray have very kindly lent us their disco equipment for many years now, but it was time to invest in our own. Our new speaker and light set cost just over £400 and went down very well at February's disco!

An easy way to donate for free

Sign up for an Easyfundraising account, select us as your chosen cause, then shop with over 3,300 retailers via the website or app – we will receive a % of every purchase you make, at no extra cost to you!

Sign up at easyfundraising.com

Dates for your diary

15 June: Raise a glass and some money at our prosecco stall at the Clavering Fete!

21 June: Sponsored water fun run

12 July: The Summer Fayre is back!

Watch this space for more information on all of the above.



Hello and welcome back to a new term! Hopefully all the children are settling in and back well and getting into the swing of things. Ahead of the new term we wanted to send an update on last year's fundraising efforts and what's coming up for the new school year.

Committee update

We've had a few changes to the Friends of Clavering Committee for the new term, starting with a sad goodbye to Anna Gawthorpe after seven years on the Committee, including 4 as Chair. Anna did a wonderful job leading the Committee and whilst we're sad to see her go, we're so grateful for everything she has done.

The Committee changes are therefore as follows, per the latest AGM held in September:

Chair: Jenny Hemsley

Treasurer: Jackie Thomerson

Secretary: Niamh Butler

Committee: Jen Middleton, Kate French, Lex Sellwood, Anna Green, Sarah Bicknell, Anneline Ashby & Holli Thomas and welcome to our newest recruit, Ann Marie MacDonald.

2023/2024 update

The final few months of the summer term saw some bumper fund-raising activity for the Friends of Clavering:



Clavering and Langley Fetes: **£320**



Summer Fayre: **£1200**



Sponsored water fun run: **£1620**



Sports Day: **£160**

Thanks to your amazing generosity and the hard work of the team organising events and securing a series of local grants, our grand total raised for the school last year was a whopping:



We have been able to use this money raised to purchase 22 laptops from charity Every Child Online who help to re-distribute high quality second-hand laptops from companies to schools. These have arrived at school and have been in use since the children returned in September. This means that we have now reached our long-term target of providing the school with a **full class set of laptops and iPads**, which we hope you will agree is fantastic!!

A huge thank you once again to everyone who donated, sponsored, baked, bought and more, and of course a massive well done to all the children for brilliantly pancake flipping, fun-running and disco dancing their way to helping us reach our target!



More thank-yous!

We received £500 from the Tesco Blue token scheme which has provided a much-needed upgrade for the speaker and PA system as well as a digital screen projector for every classroom, which will be a huge help in assisting with lessons - so thank you to everyone who voted with their tokens! Thanks also to the Saffron Walden Round Table who donated £250 last year to go towards new guided reading books. And a huge thank you to the Nisa Locals in Clavering and Saffron Walden, Londis in Barley and Tesco's for supporting last year's events with very generous donations of sweets, toys, coconuts and more!

Coming up in 2024

Here's a taster of what's coming up in our fundraising calendar for the rest of the year:

- **Neon Disco:** Thursday 7 November – watch this space for details!
- The usual **Christmas fun** including Calamity Clown, Shopping Morning & Santa's Boots
- Very soon your children will be designing their **Christmas Cards**, giving you plenty of time to order them in time for December!
- We're looking to arrange a **Bags2School** donation day after the Autumn half term
- Our next **2nd Hand Uniform sale** will be on December 2 at Tray Day

Looking ahead to 2024/25

We're still finalising our fundraising goals for the coming school year, but our wider aims include supporting the school in a variety of areas including sports, IT, play and general learning. Watch this space for more information coming soon!

An easy way to donate for free

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Join the Committee!

We're always on the lookout for people to join the Committee to help come up with ideas for activities and events and to help plan and run them. You can help with as much or as little as you are able, you get to have some lovely moments with the children in school and it's so rewarding helping to support all of their learning and development. If you'd like to know more, please email friendsofclavering@gmail.com