

This book bag is a welcome gift from the EPFA (Engayne Primary Friends' Association)

The **EPFA** is a registered charity run by a committee of voluntary parents, carers and teachers whose aim is to raise funds to support various school activities and projects. We achieve this by providing a fun and varied programme of events throughout the year.

So far **2014/2015** we have raised over **£10,000** from our events and matched funding/donations from employers who supported their employees' fundraising efforts within the school.

This years' events and activities have included:

*Christmas fair and market *Summer Inflatables Afternoon *A visit from Happy's Circus
*Refreshments at sports days *Themed dressing up days to tie in with school events *Christmas Discos *Christmas cards designed by the children *Easter egg/selection box 10p rolls *Nearly new uniform sales *Cake sales *Bag 2 School collections of used clothing *Discounted vouchers for Adventure Island, Southend.

Each year we pay for:

- Day-to-day swimming pool maintenance.
- Book bag for each reception child, as you can see here.
- Visits from theatre groups.
- Free end of year leavers disco for the pupils in Year 6
- Subsidise educational trips.

Recent Major Projects we have helped to fund:

£15,000 towards a new boiler for the swimming pool, retractable pool enclosure and new flooring around the pool, painting and refurbishment of the pool changing rooms, improved storage in the pool area.

£10,000 towards complete renovation and transformation of the leaky sports pavilion into a bright and versatile music practice facility.

£10,000 towards the outside gym in the Key Stage 1 Playground.

How you can help:

✓ Like us on Facebook to keep up to date with events and activities (search for **Engayne Primary Friends Association**).

✓ Come along and join in our meetings, we are all quite normal parents and carers with children at the school. The meetings are held once or twice a term on a Thursday evening in school. Please see noticeboards/Facebook page for date of next meeting (6th July at the Plough).

✓ Sign up to our volunteer list so that you can help out/or co-organise events; please email contactepfa@gmail.com with your ideas/details.

✓ Apply for matched funding from your employer and potentially double the amount that an event raises.

For more information please contact us via the school office, our Facebook page, our page on the school website or you can email Emma Thomsen (EPFA Chair) at contactepfa@gmail.com