

HIGH BEECHES PTA NEWS



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Fundraising fun with Friends of High Beeches School

FoHBS End of year newsletter

HELLO FROM THE TEAM

It has been a busy year for FoHBS, creating wonderful events for the children, parents and families to take part in. From the Christmas Fair to the Summer Fair, school discos and movie nights, from race night to the hilariously inspired quiz night and the May Ball! Thank you for joining us and as a result it's been a great year for fundraising and an enjoyable one spending the money on our school.

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WE'VE RAISED

In total for the 2015/16 school year we have raised a whopping £10,000, and so far invested over £9000 on new books, outdoor play equipment and storage shed, commemorative mugs, playhouse, an interactive whiteboard and developing the courtyard chill zone.

SO THANK YOU!

Of course none of this would have been possible without all the volunteers and participants in these events. In every sense, we could not have done it without you. So thank you for all your hard work, organisation, donations, cake baking, volunteering your time, serving food and drinks.....the list is endless.

CHANGES

We would also like to say a special thank you and farewell to several FoHBS members who stepped down this year; Catherine Birkett, Mike Dent and Rachel Tuckley, also to Jaks Whalen who will be stepping down from next year. All of whom have made a hugely significant contribution over the past few years. Thank you also to Pete Macaskill who is leaving having organised and run a fabulous bar for the last few events.

WHAT'S NEXT?

Next Year we would like to put on more fantastic events for everyone and will be starting the planning process in September. We have had good feedback from parents on what you would like to see the money spent on next year and already have plans to fund science and arts workshops across the school, invest in more outdoor play equipment, reading books and subsidise school trips for all year groups.

Current ideas for events include:

Wine tasting evening – camping night – family outdoor cinema

We would welcome any other ideas, just let us know.

The mobile classroom will also be being removed over the summer holidays and so we are going to start some specific fundraising to replace it with a permanent library building for the school.

A couple of photos from the Summer Fete



A little bit about how FoHBS works

FoHBS is a friendly group of parents, many of us working part or full time, who give up whatever time we can to develop a broad selection of fundraising projects and events throughout the year. Although our primary goal is to raise money for the school, an important part of FoHBS is also to create a community and so we make sure we put on a variety of fun events. We hold a committee meeting each term (in a local pub!). We then either meet in smaller groups to put plans in to action, or organise events through email and social media, coming together on the day to make them happen. We also work with school to spend the money we raise on the things parents feel are important.

WHY WE NEED YOU

In our growing school we rely on volunteers to help make our events a success. For example last year our Christmas Fair raised £4000 but if we don't have enough volunteers helping on class stalls and setting up/ tidying up, we sadly won't be able to put one on this year.

You can help in a few ways:

- volunteer at a specific event
- join FoHBS and help us organise the bigger fundraising events like our Christmas Fair
- We are also looking for people to join FoHBS who would like to take on a specific area including graphic design and arranging sponsorship/advertising.

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE MONDAY 26th SEPTEMBER AT 8PM IN THE PLOUGH AND HARROW PUB IN SOUTHDOWN

2016/17 EVENT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 11th November – Wine tasting evening

Saturday 3rd December 2016 – Christmas Fair

Saturday 13th May 2017 – May Ball

Saturday 17th June 2017 – Summer Fair

DON'T FORGET THAT YOU CAN FUNDRAISE OVER THE HOLIDAYS TOO:

- School labels – order at www.stamptastic.co.uk Enter BEECHES when your order and we receive 30% cashback
- Easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/highbeeches

3000 retailers including Amazon, John Lewis, Sainsburys, Aviva and thetrainline will make a donation to the school. Simply register at the above website and select the retailer you want to shop with.

See you in September

Your FoHBS Team

Jo Batchelor, Diane Birch, Kim Bonner, Anna Davies, Victoria Graham, Lisa Kiff, Kate McGuinness, Natalie Chater, Fiona Shore, Laura Simcott, Sam Tillotson, Lisa Wallman, Suzi Walton, Poz Watson, Jaks Whalen, Katrina Wilson, Anita White.



HAVE A LOVELY SUMMER

