

# The Friends of Highfield Newsletter



Hello and welcome to the latest edition of the Friends of Highfield newsletter!

In this issue we are saying hello to parents attending the new parents evening on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May... all in preparation for their children joining Highfield in September.

Hopefully you'll get a feel for what the Friends are about from reading this newsletter & you can add our Summer Fair on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> July to your diary!

We look forward to meeting you very soon!

## So... how is the money raised by the Friends spent?

At our AGM back in October, the Friends once again committed to providing an annual contribution of **£3,000** to cover the costs of workshops in school. Without this contribution the school would have no option but to ask parents to contribute financially or, in the very worst case scenario, discontinue these really worthwhile sessions.

We also contribute financially to various activities across the school from **Christmas parties** and **film afternoons** to ice pops on **Sports Days** and the **Year 6 leavers bowling afternoon**.

The events we have & are organising throughout the 2016/17 school year are raising money to support the school's IT requirements over the next 5 years and will help fund the cost of some of the equipment identified as needed.

**To date, the money raised has supported the purchase of new interactive touchscreen whiteboards for three classrooms, which cost almost £10,000. So far we have contributed £6,000 and will be paying the remainder of the balance at the end of the school year.**

So, by supporting the fundraising activities of the Friends you really are supporting each and every child across all year groups; ensuring they get the very best experience they possibly can out of their time at Highfield.

**Thank you!**

**Got any fundraising ideas & enthusiasm for organising and helping at events? Please get in touch via [friendsofhighfield@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofhighfield@gmail.com) or speak to a Committee member.**

## Forthcoming Events

### **Week commencing 22<sup>nd</sup> May – Fab Bricks**

Look out for letters coming out about these personalised bricks which can be engraved with a name and will make perfect gift and/ or a great book bag accessory!

### **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June – Charity Clothing Collection**

We are continuing to work with Beaumonts Recycling to raise funds for school and Starlight (a charity for seriously and terminally ill children) by filling collection bags with unwanted clothing. Beaumonts Recycling will pay £400 per tonne (40p per kilo) and will donate £100 per tonne (10p per kilo) to Starlight.

Thank you to everyone who has supported this initiative - from the two collections in September and January we have raised £199 for the Friends and £49 for Starlight, so please help us to add to this amount on 16<sup>th</sup> June!

### **Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> June – Run for Fun**



Please make sure you have submitted your application form and entry fee to ensure you receive t-shirts to wear on the day and contact Liz Flackett, our Fun Run Rep, if you and your family would like to register or are able to help marshal the event – [lizflackett@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:lizflackett@hotmail.co.uk)

#### **Important Information**

All children running aged 11 and under must be accompanied by a responsible, participating adult.

**Format for the day:** The run starts at the path below the Mansion House, Roundhay Park

09:45: 1km Race Warm Up  
10:00: 1km Race Start  
10:30: 5km Race Warm Up  
10:45: 5km Race Start

**Please note:** all timings are approximate



### **Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> July – Summer Fair**

Yes! How exciting... the planning has commenced for our biggest fundraiser of the year!

The Summer Fair really is a fun packed event for all the family so please keep your fingers crossed for glorious weather and we really hope you will be able to join us on the day.

**Plea for donations:** Some of our stalls are dependent on your donations and we would appreciate you thinking about items you may be able to donate such as;



**Tombola gifts** – new items (adults & children)  
**Highfield Uniform** – second hand or unworn  
**Bottles of wine**  
**Teddies** – clean & in good condition  
**Books** – second hand or new  
**Cakes/ vegetarian dishes**  
**Plants**

To help make the Summer Fair such an amazing success, we rely on the help and support of Highfield parents and staff. As per last year we again hope to enrol the help of Class Co-Ordinators who will be responsible for organising two stalls for their class. Please pledge your support for your class!

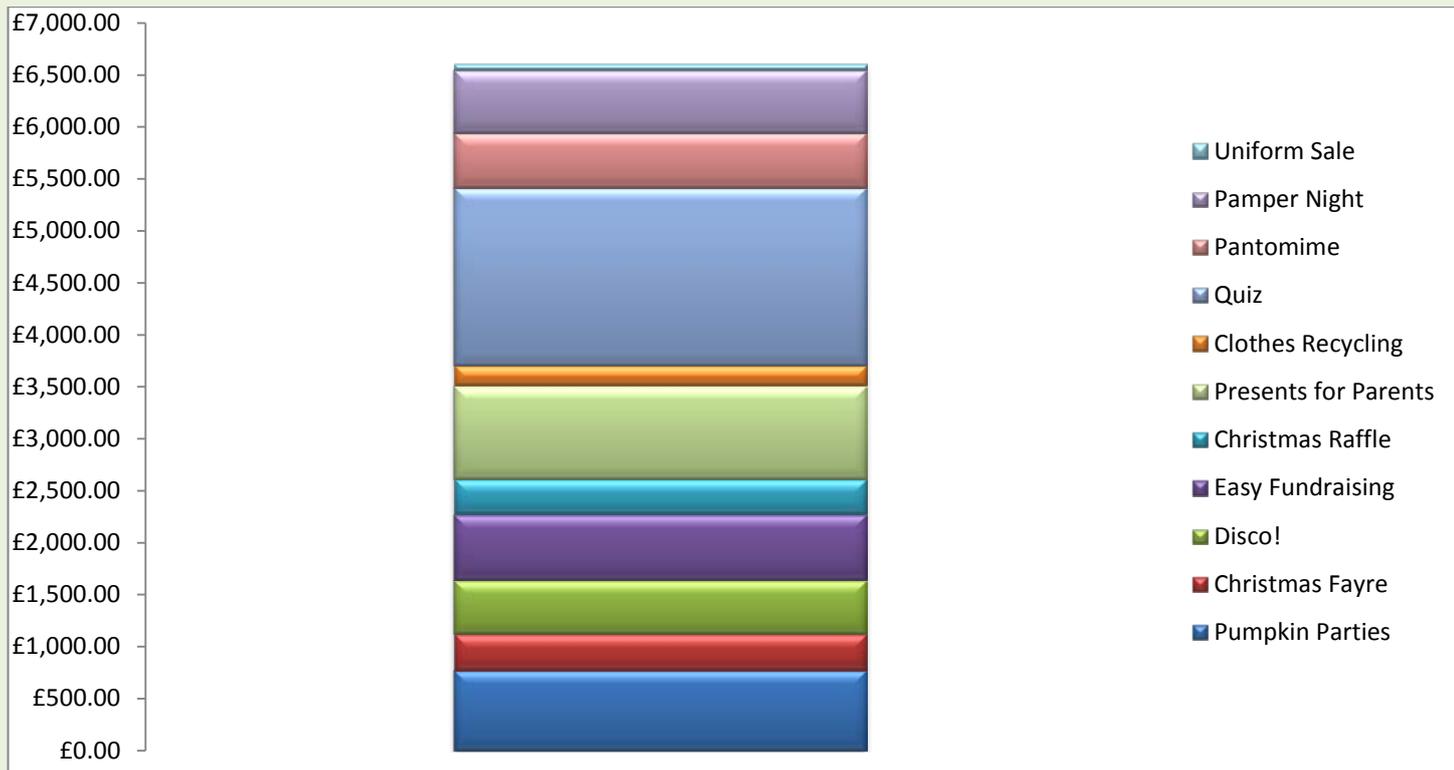
Further information will be sent out via Parentmail and book bags after the May holiday.

**Present Amnesty!** The Friends of Highfield would love to take your unwanted presents off of your hands so please drop them off in the school office... and hope you don't win them back in the Summer Fair tombola!

And... a huge thank you to the ladies who work so hard to both raise money & ensure our children are eating healthily! **Fruity Friday** continues to be popular and without the time and effort put in by these mums, Friday's would be a duller day!

**2016/17 Fund raising total to date:**

**£6,612!!**



**Easy Fundraising**... help Highfield to raise money whenever you shop online - it's the easiest way to help raise money for Highfield Primary School!

There are 3 easy steps –

1. Go to [easyfundraising.org.uk](http://easyfundraising.org.uk) and sign up for free. Now you have your account choose Highfield Primary School as your good cause!
2. Start shopping! Every time you shop online, head to easyfundraising first. There are over 3,000 retailers on board, so simply pick the one you want to visit and start shopping.
3. After you've checked out, the retailer will make a free donation to your good cause and it won't cost you a penny extra! All you need to do is **remember** to go back to easyfundraising before you shop to keep collecting donations.



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

## **A Mother's Day Treat!**

This year the Friends, in association with the Style Attic, organised a new event in late March... an evening of shopping, Relaxation & fizz to tie in with Mother's Day!

We invited local businesses to buy a stall for the evening, and ended up with a great choice, selling clothes, candles, jewellery, make-up, nutrition and skincare products.

We also had therapists offering appointments throughout the evening for treatments such as reiki, reflexology, massage, manicures, threading, and even psychic readings, and of course there was Prosecco and non-alcoholic fizz available at the bar!

Thank you to all the stallholders and everyone who attended, to make it a really enjoyable evening. We raised £600 and will also be making a donation of £70 to the neo-natal unit.

### **The Friends**

Chair: Kate Coldwell (coldwellkate@gmail.com)

Treasurer: Carthiga Bell

Secretary: Mel Stonard

Parent Members: Alex Ashurst, Maike Paulsen, Elaine Hubbard, Fatima Bhula, Kate Colbourne, Saima Khan, Kirsten Atkinson, Sarah Harding, Laura Robinson, Charlotte Mann, Dan Tatham

**Thank you for reading and please do get in touch if you have any fundraising ideas, offers of support or general queries.**

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