



HOLYMEAD PRIMARY SCHOOL FRIENDS' NEWSLETTER

January 2020

Welcome back!

The first school term was pretty hectic for everyone as you'll read in our fundraising update section. There was a lot going on last term!

We'd like to start this newsletter with a **huge thanks** to everyone who helped with all of the events – be that organising them, spending your hard earned cash and in many cases 'all of the above'! We couldn't raise such great amounts of money without any of you.

Everyone is welcome

Just being a parent at Holymead Primary automatically means you are part of the Friends' group – it's just up to you how involved you would like to be.

Many parents don't know that the Friends' group is a registered charity – did you? We are set up with the sole aim of raising money throughout the school year to support all of our children's education and learning experiences at Holymead Primary.

Time is precious to us all nowadays, all of the current committee are working parents and feel the pressures too! (Did you know that we only have 4 official committee members – this is a legal requirement for us to be able to operate!)

We would love to see more parents involved in organising the events during 2020 – if you can help in anyway please do let us know! Make sure you are signed up to the school Parentmail and have joined our Facebook Group 'Friends Of Holymead Primary School Bristol' so you get to see all of the updates/requests.

Kids enjoying Santa's grotto at the Fayre in December



Quiz master Jon Chamberlain in action at a fundraising quiz night



The Friends of Holymead Primary regularly raise between £11,000-£12,000 per year – we think that's something to be very proud of!



Fundraising Update Sept-Dec 2019

WHAT WE HAVE ALL ACHIEVED!

Between Sept-Dec 2019 we organised:

*New parents' coffee morning in aid of Macmillan Cancer Care

*Cake sale

*Hamper raffle

*Christmas Fayre

*Christmas shopping day for the junior site

*Christmas card fundraiser

*Quiz night social event

*Father Christmas visit & presents on the infant site

*Entertainer for the infant site

All of the fundraising events raised a massive £4165 which has then helped to fund ...

***£100** for new table tennis bats & balls for the KS2 playground

***£270** for a Space Dome experience for reception

***£700** to enrich the KS2 bookshelves at the junior site

***£900** for various equipment including phonics reading books and maths resources at the infants

***£740** for practical science equipment across the whole of the primary school



SOME DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES



Spring Sale/Cake Sale

When: **March 20th**

Where: junior site playground from 3.20pm. **Helpers are needed to:**

- Bake or buy cakes ready to sell
 - Set the stalls up with items from the Friends cupboard from 2.45pm
 - Sell from 3.20pm
 - Clear the stalls away
- (If you want to help but have children on the infant site, then we can arrange to bring them to the juniors)

Quiz Night

When: **March 27th**

Where: URC Church 7.30pm
Our quiz master extraordinaire, Jon Chamberlain, is hosting our next quiz night. **Helpers are needed to:**

- Organise and run the bar
- Set up the tables in the church
- Clear up at the end of the night

Friends' Cupboard Clear Out

We have a tardis-like storage cupboard in the junior site and it needs its annual spring clean! If de-cluttering is your thing and Marie Kondo is your idol, please join Lisa from **9am on 27 April**.

Summer Fayre

When: **June 20th**

The Summer Fayre is a huge fundraiser for the Friends and it's never too early to start organising it – luckily for us the fantastic Tessa Mapp (mum to 2 boys at Holymead) has kindly agreed to take this on for 2020!

Tessa will soon be asking for volunteers to run stalls etc. so put the date in your diary now so you don't get double booked!

Also - if you have any ideas for new stalls etc. and would like to organise/run them at the fayre, please do let us know too.

NEXT MEETING DATE

We would love to see as many parents as possible at our next meeting on **March 9th**. It is being held at 9am in the infants' staff room. These meetings are just a chance for us to re-cap on anything we have organised, plan future events and discuss any funding requests that the school ask for.

We are a super friendly bunch, tea/coffee is readily available and younger siblings welcome too – we have toys to keep them entertained!

"Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much." Helen Keller