



Higham Primary PTA

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Welcome back!

We hope you all had a relaxing break and your children are enjoying their new classes. Welcome also to the new Butterflies and their parents!

Our thanks go to you for supporting last year's PTA events and helping us to raise the much-needed funds to enhance our children's time at Higham School. Following our successes, we are looking forward to keeping your children entertained this year with lots of fun events.

We are busy planning a host of events to get your children into the Christmas spirit – see our 'Upcoming Events' opposite and sign-up sheets attached. *This is to enable you to spread the cost, should you wish to do so.*

****PLEASE CHECK CLOSING DATES FOR ALL EVENTS****

We hold meetings once a month on a Wednesday at 7.30pm (always in a pub!) and a coffee morning every 8 weeks. You don't need to come to every meeting to be part of the PTA. Everyone is welcome, just drop in when you can. Dates are on the School website (PTA minutes) and advertised on the A-Frame outside School. Equally, if you can't make the meetings but would like to help out at any events, can provide prizes, company sponsorship or materials, let us know. If you have any questions, speak to one of us or email the address above.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas, *The PTA*

Pssst: If you subscribe to the school calendar via the school website ('news and events tab', select the 'subscribe' option), you will not only get school dates but PTA diary dates too so you will never miss an event!

Upcoming Events 2018

You told us that you liked getting PTA info in one go, so here it is. A bit of advance warning so that you can choose your events and budget accordingly!

30/11/18 - Christmas Afternoon Tea

Time: 15.15 – 16.30

Cost £6.00

Closing date: 16 Nov 2018

07/12/18 - Bags2School collection

Bags will be available by the noticeboard the week before or use black bags. Soiled items are not accepted. Check the noticeboard for more details.

07/12/18 - Christmas Discos

Time: 18.00 - 19.15 (infants)

19.30 – 20.45 (juniors)

Cost: £2.00

Closing Date: 6 Dec 2018

14/12/18 - Christmas Jumper Day

(in exchange for sweets or chocolate for the tombola). This is the most popular stall for the children so please continue to give generously.

14/12/18 - Christmas Fun Afternoon

Mini fayre for the children during the school day – more info attached.

2019 dates to follow!

Picnic in the Park 2018

Another successful event with traditional summer fayre fun, bouncy slides, fairground rides, birds of prey, an animal encounter and loads of game stalls. Thanks to all of you, the hard work of the PTA and volunteers, this event raised a whopping **£4,716** for the School!

Our **thanks** to everyone who helped on the day. To the new helpers - it was great to have you on board. To the long-term helpers – thank you for always giving up your time and energies to support our events. We couldn't do it without you.

A **special thank you** to Hayley Halls, Keri Jordan-Hunter and Claire Ford (and families) for their magnificent Hogwarts experience. We salute your creativity and dedication.

If any of you took any great photos of your own children enjoying the Fayre, please send them to Justine at secretaryhighampta@gmail.com so that we may use them for our publicity for next year's event as believe it or not, we are already busy organising!

If you have any suggestions of attractions you would like to see at next year's fayre, email us or pop a note in the PTA mailbox in the School Office.



So far this academic year we have already funded the following:

£1,200 – annual £200 per class contribution towards workshops/trips

Coffee morning for Butterfly parents

This term we have committed to paying:

£565 – Young Voices O2 coach hire

£500 - Whole class Christmas presents (board games or books)

£550 – Whole School Pantomime



Raffle tickets will soon be sent home with your child. This is our biggest earner during the Christmas period so please sell your tickets to friends and family.

Any unused books, please return to the School Office so we may re-sell them.

For those pupils who like a challenge – **prizes** will be awarded to the class that sells the most raffle tickets so when returning your stubs, please write on the back of them your child's class.

We need your clean, good-quality cuddly toys for our used toy tombola! Any donations can be given to Mr. Walton or left outside his office before/after school.

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