

Higham Primary PTA

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Welcome back!

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

First of all, thank you for supporting last year's PTA events and helping to make it the most profitable year for the School to date. Following our successes, we are looking forward to keeping your children entertained this year with lots of fun events.

Unfortunately it is with a heavy heart that we have decided not to hold the Christmas Fayre this year as we are struggling to get enough volunteer support. However, we don't want the children to miss out completely so are busy planning a host of events to get your children into the Christmas spirit – see our 'Upcoming Events' opposite (more information to follow...). *Please note that all forms for our Christmas events are attached, enabling you to spread the cost, should you wish to do so. ****PLEASE CHECK CLOSING DATES****.*

People often tell us how they would love to be part of the PTA but they cannot commit to monthly meetings. We are not about that. We do 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 for these meetings are on the School website (PTA minutes) and are 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



Upcoming Events 2017

Please don't be alarmed by the number of forms enclosed for our up-coming events. We thought that you may appreciate the advance warning so that you can choose your events and budget accordingly!

24 November:

Afternoon Tea with Father Christmas

Time: 15.15 – 16.30

Cost £6.00

Closing date: 13 Nov 2017

8 December:

Christmas Film Night

Time: 15.15 – 17.00 (approx.)

Cost: £3.00

Closing Date: 4 Dec 2017

15 December:

Christmas Jumper Day

(in exchange for sweets or chocolate for the tombola).

Christmas Fun Afternoon

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

2018 dates to follow!

The Bug Hunt raised an amazing £2600! Thank you for your support.

Picnic in the Park 2017

What a great day! Over 1,400 people joined us for a fantastic afternoon of traditional summer fayre fun, with bouncy castles, birds of prey, an animal encounter, fire trucks and loads of game stalls. Thanks to all of you, the hard work of the PTA and volunteers, this event raised a whopping **£4,600** 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 Emma, Justine, Paul and Tracy for surviving the chaos of the Bounce Zone. Assume you are willing to volunteer again next year?!... We know that we need more volunteers for this activity so anyone who would like to help with this, please get in touch.

If any of you took any great photos, please send them to Sarah 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!



Here's are some of the larger things that we have funded recently:

- £1,000** - Library resources
- £1,000** – Book Week
- £170** – history books
- £270** – School Easter events
- £750** - art workshop. See the wicker animals by the School Office!
- £150** – Safety in Action course (Yr6)
- £225** - Year 6 Leavers books (annual)
- £1,300** – annual £200 per class contribution towards workshops/trips
- £5,500** – vital school equipment

This term we have committed to paying:

- £300** - towards the coach costs for the Choir's show at the O2
- £500** - Whole class Christmas presents (board games or books)
- £550** – Whole School Pantomime



****Your child will soon have the opportunity to buy a lovely Christmas tree bauble to decorate at school and bring home. More info to follow****

****Take a look at the attached information on easyfundraising.org.uk for a brilliantly-easy way to raise funds for the School at no cost to you!****