



**A belated Happy New Year** to all parents, children and teachers.

We hope you had a lovely Christmas break and a well-deserved rest.

As the newest committee members have learnt the Autumn term is by far the busiest for Friends but it really wouldn't be a success without your support, so a massive **THANK YOU** from the team.

We have been working on designing our new Newsletter we hope you enjoy it!



### SCHOOL DISCO

Back in November Friends held a long overdue disco. The children absolutely loved the light-up dance floor AND teaching the helpers a few new dance moves. Much to the delight of the children

Friends will be holding ANOTHER DISCO with dance floor on **Thursday 8th February.**

(Much to our disappointment our dance moves were not as cool as we thought so therefore we need to improve our skills before the 8th Feb!)

**TOTAL RAISED: £445.85**



### CHRISTMAS FAIR

Thank you to all those that braved the winter chill to attend, help and support the Christmas fair, unfortunately due to the ongoing works this had to be held outside. This however did not dampen spirits and the festive cheer was out in full flow. A special thanks to Meredith and Nathan, Dan Tien and the choir for their fantastic performances.

**TOTAL RAISED: £2496.06**



### SECRET SHOPPING ROOM

Though slightly delayed due to the snowfall, the secret shopping room once again proved a success. As always there were some very excited children carefully choosing their gifts for their loved ones. Once again this was a huge success and it was a real delight to see all the children's faces. Of course this couldn't have been done without the helpers at the big wrap, wrapping in excess of 4000 presents ...no easy task!

**TOTAL RAISED: £1611.02**



Thank you to those of you who ordered Christmas cards which your children designed through 'My Art Project'. Friends are able to raise additional funds through this scheme. Total to be announced in the coming weeks.

Congratulations to Dee Desai, who has won the £20 intu voucher in the 'Friends volunteers prize draw'. Thank you again to everyone for your invaluable support, time and help!



We have been in discussions with the school regarding spending plans for the academic year 2017/2018.

Below details the money raised so far and the agreed spending plans to date with the school. We will endeavour to update you regularly of additions to the planned spending so you are aware of exactly how our fundraising is benefiting your children.

## MONEY RAISED SINCE SEPTEMBER 2017

**£4552.93**



## SPENDING PLANS

- £1600 (£100 per class) subsidy for school trips, themed and activity days hosted by external companies (such as 'Off The Page') reducing cost to families by £3 per child
- Technology Bus subsidy
- Author visits
- Chick Hatching Project

"I would like to thank you all for supporting the Friends in their fantastic work to support the school. The funds raised through the events you have supported have enabled us to enrich the curriculum for all children. The ipads have been invaluable in our IT provision across the school and the chicks were appreciated by everyone during the difficult times last summer - 3 of them are now fully grown and are beginning to lay eggs in my garden! Trips out or having visitors into school always help to bring learning to life so the subsidies provided for these make experiences like this more affordable for everyone in this world of ever increasing prices. We are all looking forward to the visits from the Technology Bus and the two authors; enrichments that have been partly funded by the Friends. The staff and the children also really appreciate the little 'treats' that Friends provide for their Christmas Parties and the Christmas Dinner."



Mrs Cox  
Head Teacher

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**SCHOOL DISCO** Thursday 8th February (Reception, Yr1, Yr2) 5-6pm  
(Yr3, Yr4, Yr5 & Yr6) 6.15-7.30pm

**PHIL THE BAG** February (date tbc)

**MOTHERS DAY POP-UP SHOP** Friday 9th March 3.30pm

**OUIZ NIGHT** Thursday 22nd March

**BAKE SALE** Friday 27th April 3.30pm

**SPRING BALL** May (date tbc)

**HIGHWOOD'S GOT TALENT!** Friday 8th June

**FATHERS DAY POP-UP SHOP** Friday 15th June 3.30pm

**SUMMER FAIR** Saturday 30th June 11-2pm

**UNWANTED FOREIGN  
CURRENCY / OLD BRITISH & IRISH  
MONEY COLLECTION...** Friends have  
teamed up with [cash4coins.co.uk](http://cash4coins.co.uk) to raise  
additional funds from your unwanted foreign or old  
coins and bank notes. Look out for the collection  
bucket in the School Reception



## HOW YOU CAN HELP... We would love for you

to be part of the Friends team... we're a super friendly bunch and have a lot of fun! Whether you have some spare time to join the committee, or are just able to volunteer for an hour at one of our fairs or discos, there's so much satisfaction to be had from being part of the team behind a successful event... and you're bound to make your child very proud too! Come and speak to either of us, or drop us an email [friendsofhighwood@highwood.herts.sch.uk](mailto:friendsofhighwood@highwood.herts.sch.uk).



Lucy Bellam  
Chair



Angela Burton  
Secretary

(Mum to Stanley in Year 1) (Mum to Max in Year 2)

### PLUS THE REST OF THE TEAM...

Angela Goonetilleke  
Dee Desai  
Klara Remington  
Lisa O'Brien  
Lucy Kenny  
Rena Patel  
Tracey Turner

Anna Jarvis  
Emma Sykes  
Laura Petrucci  
Lorraine Hutchins  
Nicola Buck  
Sharon Hernandez

Bev Pratt  
Huma Khan  
Lisa Callaghan  
Louisa Roberts  
Rachel West  
Simone Lurz

