



Issue Three: March 2017

Dear Parents/Carers

All of us on the Friends Committee would like to take this opportunity to send our heartfelt thoughts and love to both the family of Mrs Garrett and Mrs Allen. Each of us was shocked and saddened by the death of Mrs Garrett and illness for Mrs Allen. Both ladies have had a huge impact on each of our children and their dedication to the school and the wellbeing for all was clear to see.

For the Friends, this term has been a little quieter than winter term... with just the two events but what great events they were!

First up... **Highwood Spring Ball** which raised a fantastic £550! A great night of dancing, singing and laughter was had by all. Thank you to all that helped organise and set up the venue and to the Mercure hotel for laying out the red carpet for us. An extra big thank you goes to the band "My Holiday Romance" for performing tune after tune, which made it almost impossible to sit down for a minute!

Thank you to www.grainnesullivanphotography.com for their wonderful photos of the night.



Next up... **Mother's Day pop up shop**. Thank you to Ayla for organising this event. Like the Christmas Shopping Room, this was very popular with the children and seeing their faces light up as they so carefully chose their presents was a joy to see. A fantastic £182 was raised across the two sales.



For the summer term we have a number of events planned for all to enjoy...

- ❖ **Cake Sale** – Calling all “star bakers” to bring in donations for the cake sale on **Friday 21st April** after school on the drive-through. Please bring all donations in a named container in the morning to the satellite office near the village entrance.
- ❖ **Phil the Bag Monday 24th April** - a perfect time for a spring clear out. “Phil” your bag with all your unwanted textiles! Any black sack will do! Collection point will be in the drive-through at the disabled bay near the old nursery gate.
- ❖ **Highwood’s Got Talent-** auditions have taken place and acts have been chosen! Letters are in the process of being sent out. Tickets to go on sale shortly for the talent show which is to be held at Bushey Academy on **Friday 9th June**. Tickets for the event will be for family and friends of the acts, any tickets available afterwards will go on general sale.
- ❖ **Father’s Day pop up shop- Friday 16th June**; a chance for the children to purchase gifts for £2 each in the dining room after school.
- ❖ **Summer fair** - the annual fair is back! Remember how great this was last year - we plan not to disappoint this year. For now, save the date of **Sat 1st July 12-3pm**, full details to follow nearer the time.

Volunteers for any of the above events with help to organise before or help during the event are always needed and welcomed. Please contact us if you can help at all.

Committee Announcement

After two fantastic and successful years chairing the Committee, Bev has decided to step down from this position at the end of this academic year. This has been a very rewarding role but the time has come for someone else to take the reins. Luckily for the Committee, Bev will still be staying on as an active member, ready to provide her advice and support for whoever takes on this position.

If anyone is interested in chairing the committee, whether in a singular or joint capacity, we have a meeting on **Thursday 20th April at 7pm** in the dining hall to discuss upcoming events and details of what the role entails. Alternatively please email us at friendsofhighwood@highwood.herts.sch.uk.

Bev, Angie and all the Committee.