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Dear Parents/Carers

Firstly Friends would like to say hello and welcome to all the new parents to Highwood. Let us take a minute to introduce ourselves.

Who are we?

The Friends of Highwood is a registered charity and voluntary organisation run by the parents whose children attend the school. Every year, the volunteers of Friends raise money for the school to provide additional resources and enriching experiences for all the children. We do this through the organisation of social activities for both children and parents.

The year so far.....

Once again, when there is an emergency we can always rely on the help of friends and parents to ensure the show goes on. Thank you to all those who helped with moving the Welcome Back Picnic from the school field to Millbrook Green at the eleventh hour.

Thank you for the great turn out for this event and allowing us to thank you for helping us raise a phenomenal amount last year. An amount that has secured a pantomime for all the children to enjoy, a large contribution to new reading books and a school trip fund for each year group.

Friends would also like to take this opportunity to thank JC soccer coaching for entertaining the children, I think it is safe to say each child thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Below are a few pictures from the event.



So what do we have coming up...?

- ❖ **Party in the Dark (family fireworks and fun night) Thurs 3rd Nov 5pm – 7pm @ Highwood-** Come along with family to enjoy the fun & games, craft, face paints, mehndi designs, Guy Fawkes competition, hot food and the fireworks finale. Tickets are £4 for adults, £2 for children (under 4yrs are free); these are available to buy on the night or can be purchased in advance for a discounted price of £3 for adults, £1 for children. Tickets will be on sale at the Parent Consultations. **Please see the attached poster for further details.**
- ❖ **Race night (adults only) Fri Nov 18th 7.30pm- 11pm @ Holy Trinity.** Come along for a virtual night at the races. Tickets are £10 each and include a pie and mash supper. There will be a cash bar only at the event. Tickets will go on sale on 1st November.
- ❖ **Non school uniform day Fri 2nd Dec.** Your child can wear their own clothes to school in exchange for a gift for the adult tombola at the Christmas Fair.
- ❖ **Christmas Fair Sat 3rd Dec 12pm- 3pm @ Holy Trinity Church.** Due to the on-going building works at the school, we have joined forces with Holy Trinity Church and will be holding our Christmas Fair there. Fear not, we plan for this to be a magical event as always so expect the same great stalls, games food and of course the chance to meet Santa.

We have plenty more events in the pipeline, and it's safe to say the friends committee are buzzing with ideas and excitement. The flood at the school has not dampened our enthusiasm, and we still hope to raise valuable funds over the next year and create some more fantastic memories for our children. Keep your eyes peeled for further details over the coming months.

Who makes up the committee?

Beverly Pratt - Chairperson	Angela Burton - Secretary	Kasser Abbas - Treasurer
Ayla Ismail	Tracy Turner	Zelpha Chapman
Simone Lurz	Joanne Gilbert	Lucy Kenny
Ria Hakner	Sharon Hernandez	Sarah Brown
Angela Harrison	Bhanisha Prajapati	Huma Khan

We also welcome Melody Rowley and Emma Sykes to the committee.

Who are your class representatives?

Nursery AM - Louise Snelling	Nursery PM - Melody Rowley
Oak Reception - Sarah Brooks	Ash Reception - Anjali Carter
Elm 1 - Zahra Ali	Pine 1 - Huma Khan
Cedar 3 - Charlie Wells	Maple 3 - Ria Hakner
Hawthorn 4 - Emma Beale	Hazel 4 - Sharon Hernandez
Poplar 5 - Ayla Ismail	Chestnut 6 - Charlee Hutchins

We are still looking for class representatives for Birch 2, Beech 2, Willow 5 and Sycamore 6.

As always, Friends are waiting with open arms for anyone wanting to join the committee, become a class rep or volunteer at the events. If you cannot come along to the AGM, please speak to Bev, Angie, your class representatives or email us at friendsofhighwood@herts.sch.uk to find out how you can get involved.

Bev, Angie and all the Committee.

The Friends of Highwood
Present

Party in the Dark!

Family Fireworks & Fun Night

Thursday 3rd November
5:00pm – 7:00pm

Pumpkin Decorating

Glow toys

Guy Fawkes Competition

Make a Lantern

Candy Floss

Hot Food & Drinks

Glow in the dark Face Painting

Games

Mehndi Designs

Minimum donation on the gate : Adults £4 Children £2 < 4yrs free

Sponsored by Rabbit's Rockets at MEC GRAB SERVICES

All Proceeds go to Friends of Highwood Charity Number 1147488

