



## **Summer Newsletter 2017**

Well there you have it! We have reached the end of another school year and what a challenging one it has been. Like our fabulous teachers and leadership team, The Friends of Highwood have also found life after the flood brings forth its difficulties but have taken it all in their stride to bring you an amazing year of fundraising events! However, we couldn't have achieved what we have without oodles of support, so

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Holy Trinity Church, North Bushey Baptist Church, The North Bushey Community Trust and The Bushey Arena for all they have done to help us this year! Plus of course our committee, volunteers and school team.

This term saw Debbie Tull hosting a fabulous bake sale which raised £173.75; Lucy Bellam hosted the Father's Day Pop Up Shop which raised £123.84; The Friends Committee hosted Highwood's Got Talent which raised £518.32; Lucy Bellam took charge of Sports Day Refreshments and raised a fabulous £333.56 and Angela Burton co-ordinated The North Bushey Community Fair stall and raised a further £205.50 bringing the total this term alone to £1354.97! Thank you to everyone who helped at these events and made them possible.

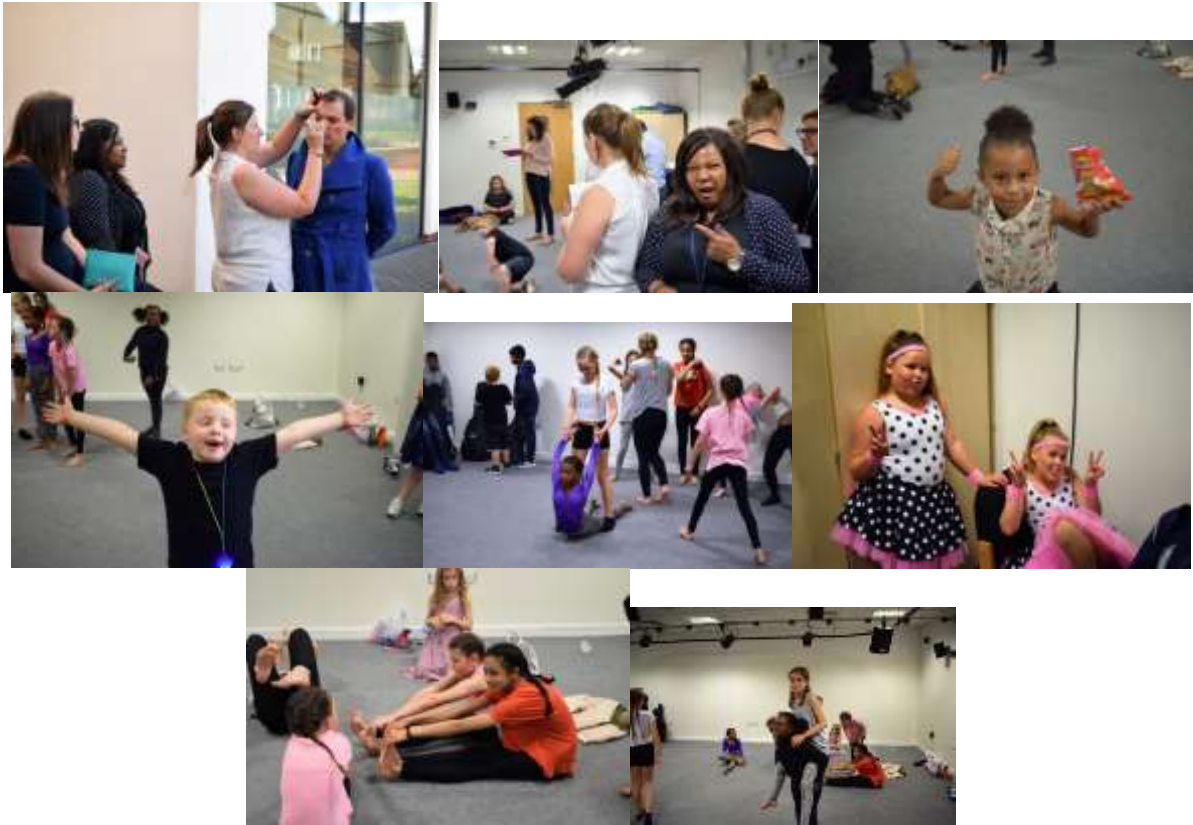
### **Highwood's Got Talent**

June saw one of our most successful events this year – Highwood's Got Talent – held at The Bushey Arena theatre. The evening saw a host of Highwood's finest sing, dance, play instruments, perform gymnastics and more. It was such a wonderful evening and is one the participants and audience will remember forever. The teaching staff need a special mention too for their fantastic performance of 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears'. We'd also like to thank Miss Nleya, Miss Fletcher and Mrs Faulkner for all their hard work in making this happen. Thanks too, to Ria Hakner and Clive Hibbert at The Bushey Arena and to everyone who volunteered on the night. Most of all a HUGE thank you to the talented children who performed and their parents, who supported their rehearsals, organised outfits and got them there on time!

Here are a few photos of the evening...



And a sneaky peak behind the scenes...



### **Spending**

We are so proud that we have been able to provide the school with a full class set of 31 iPads this year. These will be utilised across the whole school from nursery upwards and used in a whole host of ways reaching each area of the curriculum and enhancing provisions already available.

We have also been super excited to fund the Chick Hatching experience which we know all the children have enjoyed thoroughly. The naming competition raised another £23 and the chicks, now named Edith, Margot and Agnes, are soon to take up residence with Mrs Cox.

### **Committee Updates**

We are very pleased to welcome four new committee members this term Lorraine Hutchings, Nicola Buck, Dee Desai and Rena Patel. We are sure their skills, enthusiasm and dedication will be a great asset to the Friends' team.

Lucy Bellam has kindly stepped up to take my place as Chair. Lucy and I are going through the hand over period now and I will officially hand over the title at the next Annual General Meeting. Kasser Abbas plans to step down as Treasurer at the next AGM and we are looking for his replacement – if this is a role you think you may be interested in please come along to that meeting (date to be confirmed) and find out more.

If you are interested in being a part of the Friends of Highwood Please do get in touch at [friendsofhighwood@highwood.herts.sch.uk](mailto:friendsofhighwood@highwood.herts.sch.uk)

### **Class Representatives**

We are actively seeking class representatives for next year... 'What does this involve?' I hear you cry!

We ask that class reps attend meetings to keep themselves up to date with what's going on so they are able to inform the other parents in the class. We do feel it is beneficial to be a committee member but not essential. Class reps may like to host the occasional event, but if not they will be asked to actively seek support from their class parents for the events as and when necessary. Class reps will be asked to remind parents about practical matters and encourage them to be actively supportive of Friends' fundraising. It is important that you have great communication skills and a willingness to be involved!

If you've always wanted to 'do more' but don't have oodles of time to dedicate then this is the role for you! Please do let us know if you are interested.

Here at Friends we are already planning for next year and it will all start with the return of

### ***The Welcome Back Picnic***

***Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 4:30 onwards***

***On Millbrook Green***

There will be entertainment for the children, free ice-cream and the chance for you all to come together and have some fun! Please bring your own picnic! We look forward to seeing you all there!

Have a wonderful summer – see you next year!

Bev & the Friends' Team