



HBJ HSA - The Journey So Far

Before Christmas 2014, a small group of us set up a **new HBJ HSA**. Our aim is to continue the success of the Infant School's fundraising, to contribute to the schools creation of a positive sense of community and add a friendly and encouraging atmosphere in school.

What have we been up to?

So far we have organised: **Christmas & Summer Fayres**, a number of very successful school **discos**, a **Spring Sale** and the **Y6 Leavers Party**, raising a total of £2682.33 in the last school year alone.

Last year we trialled a **new Class Parent System** – where 1 or 2 parents act as a 'go to' person for the parents in each class – communicating within their own class to garner support for events. We would like to move forward with this system and from September 2016, the Class Parents commitment will be for a term at a time. We hope this will lighten the load and encourage more people to get involved.

What happens to the money?

We collectively made the decision that the children should decide how to spend the money raised. Some of the money is given directly back to the classes and for other money, children put their ideas forward to the HSA via the Student Council. Currently we are fundraising to support the projects being led by the school 'Change Team' - for improvements to the outside spaces, including gardening areas.

What's in it for volunteers?

- ☐ An opportunity to connect with other parents and school staff
- ☐ A chance to have your voice heard and to stay informed
- ☐ Make school improvements by raising money for worthwhile projects
- ☐ Create great memories for our kids

We are looking for your ideas and help!

We want to harness your skills, your creativity and your eco credentials! It's a chance for us all to muck in and make volunteering a good experience. We need mums, dads, carers and grandparents to help out in any way they can, from baking cakes to helping on school trips, from donating plants to helping out with planning and construction – whatever your skillset, we can use it!

We would really like to create a database of the skills we have available, so do let us know what you can help with.

Where can you find out what's happening?

- Noticeboards in the playground – we will be setting up our very own board this year outside the main reception entrance.
- School Newsletter
- School website – including setting up a calendar of events for the year ahead at our upcoming AGM.
- Fliers – check your child's school bag or the folder in the school reception area for any events taking place
- Twitter – we regularly use the school feed for announcements.
- Meetings – we have these half termly
- Meet & Chat – every Tuesday from 8.30 – 9.00

The HSA AGM 2016

In accordance with some legal realities – we have to appoint a formal team. From Autumn 2016 we will be looking for the following:

Chairperson

Vice Chairperson

Secretary

Treasurer

Communications/Media/PR

Class Parents (1 or 2 per class per term)

The date of the AGM will be announced shortly, alongside details of how to nominate candidates or apply to stand for any of the available positions.

Thank you for your upcoming support (and for reading this far!)

THE HSA TEAM

Neil Midgeley, Jo England, Gill Drury, Sandra Lau, Deb Mather, Thaebea Azan & Annie Clarke.

I am interested in becoming a Class Parent this year.

My child..... is in Class J.....

My name

Please contact me via email at:

And/or phone on: