



Newsletter

from the Friends of HCLS

March 2018

As the spring term draws to a close, we have one or two events to go. I expect that by the time you read this we would have had our end of term tea party, so we hope you enjoyed it, if you were able to join us.

Quick Update

Bake Sale

Last month's Valentines bake sale raised £62.80.

I'd like to thank all those who were able to bake or donate cakes and biscuits for the event. Those we weren't able to sell at school were taken to my work place where there are plenty of people who love treats like this and were happy to donate about £1 per cake!

Mother's Day Shop

This wasn't a big fundraiser but we hope you all had a lovely day on the 11th March and the ladies enjoyed their gifts, the children I took orders from directly seemed to enjoy choosing them. We'd appreciate some feedback about it, to let us know if/how we can do better next time as we're thinking of doing something similar for Father's Day.

Performance Workshops

The school held the workshops at the beginning of term and asked for parents to contribute £3.50 per child to support this. These sessions go a little further than the usual classroom activities and help bring to life the topics the children are studying, which enhances their learning. As parental contributions to this opportunity fell a little short, we were asked if we could fund the difference, which we agreed to, at a cost of £117. I really hope the school continues with additional sessions like this from time to time, to help make learning more fun.

Leavers Yearbooks

Each year the school puts together a leavers yearbook to give to our year 4 children when they leave us in July - we have examples of them in the school reception area if you would like to look at one or two.

The children really appreciate having something to take away to remind them of their time at Houghton Conquest Lower School, so the Friends will be supporting the yearbooks again this year.

Panto

I realise it's a little early to be talking about Christmas, but when it comes to the Panto, you have to get in early.

This year, we are pushing the boat out for something, we hope, is a little more special.

Sleeping Beauty, by Touring Pantos.

They performed at another local school last year, who have recommended them to us. This time, it'll be more traditional, on the stage, for 2 hours, 6 actors, sound system, lighting, 4 full scene changes, theatre quality costumes and props.

More information will come nearer the time.

Still to come

Easter Egg Hunt

The Friends are holding our annual Easter Egg Hunt on Thursday, 29th March, during school hours. There is a small charge of £1.50 per child. The children love this event and will all go home with a chocolate Easter Egg.

Please bring money into school, in an envelope with your child's name and class written on it, by Monday, 26th March if you'd like your child to participate.

If you're able to help out at this event, please get in touch with Alex Bluck, using one of the options at the end of this message.

Next Friends Meeting

Date: Tuesday, 24th April

Time: 19:30

Where: [Knife & Cleaver](#)

All are welcome to attend.

And Finally...

For up to date information, please see our notice boards at school, or pop on the internet and find our facebook group. If you haven't already, look up [Friends of Houghton Conquest Lower School](#) and request to join. There's also our events site: www.pta-events.co.uk/fohcls, where you'll find details of events, volunteer opportunities and, occasionally, some things to buy.

Join the Committee or become a helper

The Friends committee are all volunteers and parents of children at the school. If you'd like to do more with the Friends, even if it's just helping out at an event, we'd love to hear from you via the office, on our facebook group, or at admfohcls@gmail.com. You can also catch up with one of our committee members floating about the school from time to time. We'd all be happy to share more information about what you could do to help all the children have a more enriched experience at Houghton Conquest Lower School.

Kinds regards,

Lisa Guinness

Chair of the Friends of Houghton Conquest Lower School