



Autumn Newsletter 2011

Friends AGM

The Friends committee would like to thank all existing members and the new parents who have shown an interest in joining our voluntary committee.

The Friends held their Annual General Meeting on Monday 19th September at 7pm in the School staff room which was very well attended.

The Friends Committee is a voluntary group of parents, carers and school staff that work together to raise funds. Our fund raising involves organising and running fun events and activities for the children and their families, from school discos to family evenings out, from bags2school to sponsored events. The funds are then used to purchase a wide variety of equipment for the school, to benefit the children and their education. If you feel you could help out in any way, shape or form please get in touch with the Friends Committee. We meet once or twice per term and any time you have to help out would be greatly appreciated.

Date of next meeting: Monday 9th January at 7pm

To be held in the Staff Room at Holme School

If you are interested in volunteering, even a small amount of your time or your ideas, please contact the Friends of Holme School Committee on

fohosms@hotmail.co.uk

Chair—Tracey Levitt

Vice Chair—Joanne Johnson

Treasurer—Julie Johnson

Secretary—Lynette Cope

Halloween Disco—Foundation and Key Stage 1

The Friends Committee will be hosting a Halloween Disco for the Foundation (nursery and reception) and Key Stage 1 (infant) children. This event is a huge success every year and the children have a great time. The disco will include refreshments for the children, dancing, games and a Halloween fancy dress competition (optional). Access to the disco hall will be restricted to committee adults only due to health, safety and fire regulations. There will be refreshments available for parents in a separate area if you wish to stay close by.

Date of Halloween Disco: Friday 21st October

5.30pm until 7pm

£2 per child

to include refreshments



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Future Fundraising Events:

- ☺ Halloween Disco
- ☺ Pamper Evening
- ☺ Christmas Fayre
- ☺ Bags2School
- ☺ KS2 Disco in Spring
- ☺ Plus many more!

Pamper Evening & Christmas Fayre

To kick start our line up of events this school year we will be holding a **Ladies' Pamper Evening** on **Monday 17th October** from **7pm until 10pm** at **Holme Social Club**. The Friends held their first Pamper Evening in February this year which was a huge success that we are hoping will continue. This is a chance for all you ladies to take a break, grab your friends and come along for a pampering treat or two, a drink and social evening. Entrance is free and includes glass of wine on arrival, treatments and stalls range from hand massage, manicures, Indian head massage to jewellery and spiritual readings or healings. A special thanks to Jeff for the use of the social club and we look forward to relaxing with you all.

The Friends will be holding their first **Christmas Fayre and Grand Prize Draw** on **Friday 18th November** from **3.30pm until 6.30pm**. The nights are drawing in and Christmas is getting nearer, join us after school, with your children, to start your Christmas shopping. The Grand Prize Draw will be drawn at 6pm and tickets will be sent home with the children for you, your family and friends to purchase. We have some fantastic prizes lined up so keep an eye out for the tickets and posters advertising the event soon. There will be a range of Christmas and craft stalls for you to browse, along with a Chocolate Raffle!

We will be having a Bags2School collection on the 7th November to help you clear out your unwanted clothing before Christmas and help the school raise funds in the process. The bags will be coming home to you in a couple of weeks. The new Yellow Moon catalogue will be sent home with children, any purchases using the school code also helps to raise funds for the school.

Further fundraising events in the New Year may include bingo nights and beetle drives so watch this space for more family fun! A Key Stage 2 disco will be held in the Spring term, more details nearer the time.

Christmas Fayre
Grand Prize Draw
To be drawn at 6pm 18/11/11

Purchases & Wish List!

Over the last school year the Friends have helped to improve the outdoor play facilities for the children of Holme School. You may have noticed the brightly coloured, educational displays around the playground and the table top games on the picnic tables. The Friends also contributed to the budget bounce on the adventure play area. We would like to continue to improve these important areas of play and learning with our fund raising this year. We will be repainting the ball wall as well as looking into a nature trail and a multi-sensory trail. Please help us to continue with our fundraising and improve the outdoor play provision for your children. We all know how important play is for our children as it promotes development, learning, imagination, creativity and independence. The children will be involved in the renovations and will be asked for their ideas through their school council representatives and class teachers. Keep an eye on the playground for signs of these and possibly other improvements.

Dates for your diary

17th October—Pamper Evening
21st October—Halloween Disco
7th November—Bags2School Collection
18th November—Christmas Fayre & Draw
9th January—Friends Meeting

Half Term w/c 24th October
Return to school 31st October
School closes for Christmas on
20th December
Reopens on 5th January

If you feel that you could help on the Friends of Holme School Committee in any way and can offer a small amount of your time, then please contact any committee member or e-mail on:

fohosms@hotmail.co.uk

Thank you for your support, without this enthusiasm the children of Holme School would not be able to benefit in such a way.

