

Holly Trees Fundraisers Newsletter January 2014

Happy New Year! This is our first newsletter so that you can keep up to date with the projects we're working on, and the events that we've got going on.

All-weather sports pitch

We were delighted to open the all-weather sports pitch in October. This is the biggest project which we have ever funded costing nearly £24,000. We still owe £2,400 towards this project.

Upcoming events

Friday 31st January, 8pm - Quiz night

Entrance £5 by ticket only – buy yours now – return your money to us through the school office. This has been a great evening when we've run it in the past.

Teams of 4-8 people, we can arrange teams on the night if required.

Friday 28th February - Non-uniform day (Fairtrade theme)

Wednesday 12th March - Second-hand uniform sale

Week of 24th March - Guess the number of Easter Eggs

Tuesday 25th March - School disco

Review of the Autumn term 2013 - £5700 raised in total

The year started off with a sociable coffee morning with the new parents in reception. This was a relaxed opportunity for parents to meet each other. We hope you enjoyed it.

Sponsored poetry event: The children all did fantastically well learning their poems and collecting sponsorship for their efforts. **£2460 raised**

Christmas shopping evening: This was another successful evening, with over 25 stalls selling everything from beer to jewellery to Christmas cards. **£675 raised**

Children's Christmas fair: What a busy few hours! **£800 raised**

Non uniform sale: Offering an opportunity to buy some uniform at bargain prices. **£100 raised**

Christmas Puddings: For the first time this year we branded Christmas puddings, sticky toffee puddings and chocolate puddings. We still have some sticky toffee and chocolate puddings left. If you want one put £5 in an envelope into the office with details of what you'd like and your child's name and class. **£50 raised**

Tea towels: Reception and Years 1 and 2 drew self-portraits which we then arranged on a tea towel. I think you'll agree that they looked great and made lovely Christmas presents. **£325 raised**

Christmas cards: KS2 created their own Christmas cards, which were then professionally printed. **£260 raised**

Secret gift shop: This event is not run as a fundraising event, but covers its costs. We think it's lovely for the children to be able to choose and wrap their own presents, and hope you do too.

Gift aid: We are a registered charity and this year we registered for gift aid. We will be claiming gift aid on the eligible sponsorship donations, and making your money go further...watch this space for how much extra this brings us!

Rag bag: Recycle your unwanted clothing in our clothing bin in the car park **£300 raised this term**

Join us

We need volunteers to organise and help at the summer fete on Saturday June 28th. Please contact us if you would like to be involved.

Get involved in deciding what to raise money for and what events to run...come to our next meeting on February 6th at 9am in school, and see what happens.

Fundraise for your school

Support our events.... We try to organise events which are fun for the children and enjoyable and sociable for adults.

Buy online through "spend and raise" – we get a percentage of what you spend. You don't need to register or give any personal details to "spend and raise". <http://www.spendandraise.com/hollytreesprimaryschool/>

Recycle your unwanted clothing in our clothing bin in the school car park – it's always there

Buy greetings cards from Pink and Greene: <https://www.pinkandgreene.com/partner/holly-trees-fundraisers.html>

Buy labels for school clothes from <http://www.easy2name.com/> and choose "Holly Trees" as your fundraising group

If you book holiday activities with Barracudas quote our code "HTPS" when booking and we get £5.

<http://www.barracudas.co.uk/>

Buy from Yellow Moon? If so quote our name when ordering and we get commission.

<http://www.yellowmoon.org.uk/>

Contact us

e-mail: hollytreespta@hotmail.co.uk

on paper: through the school office

facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/hollytreesfundraisers>

in person: find one of us in the playground before or after school

The current committee

Chair: Tamsin O'Hagan

Treasurer: Christine Richardson

Deputy chairs: Dawn Bartlett and Caroline Horden

Secretary: Suzanne Smith

Our next newsletter will be sent out by ParentMail. Please contact the school office to sign up if you haven't already.