



Friends Of Hasland Infant School

Registered Charity Number 1161115

Welcome to our School

We are the Parent Teacher Friends Association for Hasland Infant School. As a 'Friends' Group we are able to welcome parents, teachers, and other adults (guardians, aunts, uncles, grandparents, etc) to be a part of our group. We are a registered charity, which is great news for our fundraising.

This information has been compiled especially for you, as a new family joining our school community to tell you a little about who we are and what we do.

Why do we have a Friends Group?

Our Friends Group has been an integral part of the school community for many years. We have raised many thousands of pounds, which has been spent on equipment & resources to enhance our children's education experience. However, our group is about much more than fundraising. We provide closer links between home & school, and it's an excellent way to bring staff, parents & friends together. It is fun too - just ask any of the helpers!

Members of the school community are encouraged to get involved, even if you only have a small amount of time available. All families are automatically members of the 'Friends of Hasland Infant School' when your child(ren) joins our school.

Role of the PTA Committee

As well as being members of our fantastic group, some of our parents and teachers have agreed to stand as an official trustee committee for our charity status. The charity trustees meet on a regular basis, and we incorporate these meetings into our usual Friends Group meetings.

Annual General Meeting (AGM)

We are required to hold an Annual General Meeting each year. Any adults who are involved with the school will be welcome to attend this meeting too. It will be an opportunity for anyone to come along and hear in more detail about the work of the group, the events we have run, the funds we have raised and how the money has been spent. It will also be the occasion when we elect our new committee members. Our next AGM will be held on Tuesday 14th July 2020. Please email us at HaslandPTA@gmail.com for details on how to attend.

How we raise money

The majority of our funds are raised through the events that we run. We are always on the lookout for new ideas, and new members! Some of our most popular events are:

Summer Fair Held after school on the playground each summer.

Festive Fun Day A large community event with stalls and games.

Year 2 Prom Disco and celebration for our children as they leave for Junior School.

Christmas Shop An opportunity for the children to buy pocket money gifts for their family.

Christmas Card Project Children can design their own Christmas Card which can be turned into professionally printed cards.

We always try and respond to the children's requests; it is great to see them having fun at the events or enjoying using a piece of new equipment that the Friends Group has donated.

How we spend the money we raise

Sometimes the things we buy are small contributions to everyday play (we have previously donated £1500 towards new 'small world' roleplay toys), and sometimes a large contribution to improve a part of the school environment is needed (we contributed £15,000 to the recent renovation of the Library).

The funds are spent on the 'extras' that are not provided by the school's budget, thus making our children's learning experiences so much more fulfilling and exciting.

How we get information to you

Our correspondence has our logo on so it can be easily recognised. It will include information on forthcoming events and dates plus requests for assistance when we are planning large events. We regularly send out a newsletter with this information and updates on our spending. You will find our letters, newsletters and details of our events on the school app.

How you can get involved

There are lots of ways you can help and support your child through the Friends Group. Offering to help with events; or at other times during the year is so valuable. It doesn't matter if you can't help on a regular basis, or even if you cannot come into school.

There are always jobs that can be done from home if you have half an hour to spare e.g. wrapping gifts, preparing raffle tickets etc. We really couldn't achieve what we do without the behind the scenes help that we receive.

You can also help by letting us know if you have any contacts or skills we could use, on the contact details below. Everyone is welcome to attend our regular meetings. Details of these will be on our newsletters and on posters up around school.

Summary

Thank you for taking the time to read this information. We hope you now know a little more about your Friends of School group. On behalf of all the pupils we would like to thank you for your very valuable support which enriches their learning experience and makes their time in school so enjoyable.

Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions or would like to get involved. You can email us at HaslandPTA@gmail.com