

Friends of Hazeldene Autumn Newsletter

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Welcome back everyone & a big hello to all new Parents/Carers

Firstly we want to say a **big thank you** to our predecessors Sarah Casling & Sam Denness for all their hard work and dedication over the last year as our Co-Chairs. Without their excellent leadership and hard work we wouldn't have been able to have raised the amount we did for the school; funds which have greatly enriched the children's opportunities here at Hazeldene.

Also a huge thanks to Dolun Norris who has stepped down as secretary, and a warm welcome to Natalie Marfleet who has stepped in to take over the role.

As part of Friends of Hazeldene we would like to introduce ourselves for any new parents. Friends of Hazeldene is a group of parents/carers who get together to organise fun events and raise money for extra-curricular activities for the children. Every penny we raise is invested back into the school to aid our children.

Here is a brief summary of the amounts raised last year:

- **Mothers Day** – £475.50
- **Fathers Day** – £160
- **The Big Read** – £669
- **Summer Fair** – £3,486
- **Cbeebies Storytime** – £143
- **Tuck Shop and Ice Cream** –£1,335
- **Fireworks Night** – £1,457
- **Christmas Fayre** –£2,380

The money raised has contributed to a multitude of projects around our school; £6,000 has been given towards the new pool cover, money was given to help create the new sensory room, contributions have been made throughout the year to reduce payments for various trips, enable the school to have topical visits and new equipment has been purchased for classrooms and the school.

Moving forward, we have agreed that £250 will be allocated to Nursery, Foundation, Yr1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6 at the start of each school year. This is to be used throughout the year for extra activities or items to be purchased to enhance the children's learning experience.

We are always open to new ideas and openly welcome new members to attend our planning meetings or to offer a hand (in whatever capacity you can) at our events. Our first meeting of the term will be held on **Tuesday 25th September at 7.15pm in the school staff room. Everyone is welcome – the more the merrier ☺!!**

If you have any questions or suggestions then please get in touch either via facebook (@friendsofhazeldene) or via email - chairoffoh@gmail.com. We would love to hear from you!

Up and coming events

New Parents/Carers Coffee Morning – Friday 21st September, from 8.45am @ the Care Club

If your child has recently started at Hazeldene (in any of the school years) then please come along to our informal coffee morning to connect and get to know other parents/carers. Tea/coffee and cake will be available over in the care club building straight after morning drop-off on Friday 21st September.

'Friends of Hazeldene' meeting - 25th September, 7.15pm in the staff room

Everyone welcome! We will be looking at & planning the events coming up this year.

Fireworks Night – Tuesday 5th November - HELP NEEDED!

Our annual Fireworks night is booked for the 5th November. This is a popular event that has proved successful each year. More details will follow but in the meantime we ask that you save the date, and if you are able to offer help either on the night or the day before to set-up then please get in touch, or come along to our planning meeting on the 25th. We are looking for volunteers to help steward, help on stalls, sell tickets and set-up or pack-down.

This event just wouldn't be possible without the kind help of volunteers – thank you so much!

Christmas Fayre – Saturday 1st December, 1.30pm – 4pm

Our Christmas Fayre is a fun event for all the family. If you would like to hold a stall then please get in touch for details. Again we will be looking for helpers for this event so please let us know if you are available to help out either the day before or on the day.

Film Night – Thursday 13th December, after school

Save the date for our film night where children can stay for a snack, drink and a movie straight after school. This is a great opportunity for parents to do a bit of child-free Christmas shopping! Letters to be sent out nearer the time.

Vacancies

Tuck Shop Manager

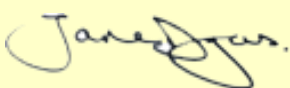
We are looking for someone to take over the management of the tuck shop from September 2019. For more details please speak to the current manager Sarah Casling or contact the email address above. Sarah is happy to show anyone who is interested the ropes this year so that they are confident to take it on from next September.

Treasurer

Our amazing treasurer Lisa Oliver will be stepping down at the end of the year. If you are a wizz with numbers and would like to take over this role then again please get in touch.

As always, thank you so much for all your support!

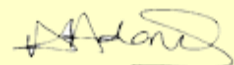
With Kind Regards



Jane Dyas



Rachel Edwards



Helen Adams

Co-Chairs, Friends of Hazeldene