



Friends of Hadley Wood School (primary school)

A letter to the Community on the work done by the Friends of Hadley Wood School for the HWA AGM 2021.

Dear all,

Thank you for taking the time to read a little piece about our wonderful local school, Hadley Wood Primary.

I am one of three elected committee members that run our school charity. Every parent becomes a member as part of joining the school but our job is to make sure everything runs smoothly and everyone is well informed of upcoming events, meetings and expenditure. We work closely with the school staff and in particular the head teacher Mrs Worby to make sure we make enough money to cover all the children's needs. Anything from reading books to computers to playing equipment and much more over the years. If it enhances their education, we are keen to help.

I speak on behalf of all three of us when I say it is a rewarding role to play in our community and we look forward to the year ahead planning events.

Hadley Wood School is the lowest funded school in the Borough of Enfield which may come as a surprise to some of you. The National Funding Formula leaves us with less money per pupil than other local schools which is why we work hard all year and at every event to bridge this gap financially. Each year we run many events from cake sales and dress up days to much larger events like comedy night, quiz night, school disco and both our Summer and Christmas Fetes. We rely on the parents and carers of the school to make each event a success. We have elected class reps for each year to communicate and organise each class, this helps things to run smoothly and we are able to gather helpers along the way.

Despite Covid cancelling many fundraisers over the last 18 months we are very pleased to be able to help the school purchase the following this year:

- Phonics Reading starter kit bought for all year groups at £2,030
- Scooters/bikes/helmets for KS1 to improve motor skills at £550
- £250 per class to spend. Each class teacher can choose equipment specifically for their class (£1750 total)
- Two interactive TVs to replace the whiteboards in years 3&6 at £5000
- Resurfacing of the top playground- currently sourcing quotes. (This will be a shared cost between the charity and separate school funding)

We are thrilled to be able to say that this year our Christmas Fete is going ahead and we are currently busy planning a fun day for all the children on Friday 3rd December. This year to avoid overcrowding we are going to run a child only event with each class having a different time slot to come and enjoy the festivities. We won't be able to make as much profit for the school as previous years, but we still hope to make this a very successful fundraiser.

Community help is so important for us, if anyone has any fundraising ideas for us or simply would like to buy a raffle ticket for our Christmas Fete then we would be very grateful. Please do contact myself claire.murty@hotmail.co.uk and I will be able to help with this.

We would love to open up our next event to the local community for support. Comedy Night sponsored by Lonsdale Wealth Management will be on Saturday 5th February, tickets can be reserved from the above email address at £25 per ticket which includes a comedy line up and an evening meal. Fully licenced bar will also be open on the night. We would love to see you there!

Thank you to HWA for the platform to share our ongoing work with the community and for the fabulous fireworks night we at the school all enjoy so much.

Kind regards

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