

# October 2023

Up and  
coming:

## Key dates:

- **Hamper collection Fri 20th October**
- **Fireworks night Fri 3rd November**
- **HTSA meeting Thurs 16th November**

## A few words from the committee:

For last years parents and guardians welcome back, and for our new ones with children just started, we hope you have had a smooth and happy transition.

With the summer holidays already a distant memory, the HTSA were straight into organising events for the academic year. As always we rely on our parents to help where they can, and your contributions in the various forms are very much appreciated.

I'm sure we all recognise the strain on schools these days, which is why we give our time to volunteer. Not only are we holding fun events for the children, but primarily we are raising money for needed resources and facilities to support our children's learning and play. This year, we're focusing our fundraising efforts on creating a fantastic outdoor space with seating for outdoor learning and playtimes, and a storage facility for PE and outdoor equipment which will benefit the children across the entire school.

We can't do it without you! So thank you for continuing to volunteer your time and providing donations to support all our fundraising efforts to help make the school as great as we can for our children. Many thanks!

The HTSA





## How can I help this term?

- **Volunteer for the Fireworks pyrotechnics and bonfire team**
- **Join the hamper events team**
- **Join the HTSA's Programme Team**

### Fireworks:

Fireworks night is by far our biggest fundraiser of the year and is open to the general public. Due to the size of the event we rely on a large amount of volunteers to pull it together.

- We are after parents willing to **join the pyrotechnics and bonfire team**. This role involves setting up, igniting and safe clearing up of the bonfire and fireworks.

- **On the day**- your class reps should have sent out requests to volunteer on the day to run stalls/marshal. We also need help volunteering from 3.30pm to set up and 8.15pm to clear up.

- **Saturday morning**- It doesn't end with the last bang. We need volunteers between 7.30am-10am to clear up the field and make it safe, ready for school on Monday and the football training the school hosts over the weekend.







## Christmas hamper dates:

- **Collection 1: Fri 20th October**
- **Collection 2: Fri 10th November**
- **Hamper making: mid-late November**
- **Hamper Sale: Thurs 30th November**

### Hampers:

- Donate hamper items at the two collection dates and help with collections at the morning drop off on these dates. We appreciate times are hard, but please donate where you can and we welcome any extras you're willing to donate.

### Collection 1 Friday 20th October

Bottles of wine, Prosecco, beer or soft drinks (appropriate for hampers). Any baskets and decorations suitable for hampers you may have.

### Collection 2 Friday 10th November

Reception/year 1: luxury chocolates or biscuits

Year 2 and 3: Chutney, crackers, bread sticks etc

Year 4 and 5: Luxury crisps or chocolates

Year 6: Chutney, luxury crackers or savoury snacks

Any decorations, baskets, or cardboard boxed wrapped in smart Christmas paper appropriate for using as a hamper that you may have.

- **Volunteer to make hampers when the dates are released.** Hamper making is a lovely way of socialising while helping to raise money for the school. We do a mix of evening and day time meets. Evening sessions include wine and nibbles and day time sessions; hot drinks and biscuits (children welcome at day events). This is a great opportunity to mingle and make new friends; my daughter made one of her now best friends at school before even joining the school at this event.

Hamper sale: **Thursday 30th November**. This is a great chance to get a gift, at a bargain price, for a loved one, whilst supporting the school.





## Next HTSA meeting:

**Thurs 16th November at 8pm**  
**Venue: Hare & Hounds**

- Our next HTSA meeting will be on **Thursday 16th November** at the **Hare & Hounds**. This is your opportunity to get an update on recent events, be part of deciding how funds are spent and voice any fundraising ideas you may have.

## Update on events:

**What events did we do?**  
**What did we raise?**

Thank you so much to those who supported our events last year whether part of an event sub-group, helping on the day, donating or attending.

We're very pleased to update you on how much the following events and initiatives made last year.

Fireworks: £8523

May Fair: £3703

Childs art Christmas cards/gifts: £473

Ice pop, donuts, cakes sales: £1301

Hampers: £1014

School disco: £1604

Lottery: £771

Amazon: £509



We really couldn't do it without the hard work and efforts of our parents and staff, so again a huge thank you!





## How are we spending?

## What did we buy? What are we saving for?

Unfortunately things 'cost money! I had a parent once say the HTSA doesn't need money, we have lots in the bank'. What they didn't realise was that money was saved to contribute to big projects, such as £12,000 towards the Reception Playground, £19,000 towards new buildings and £17,000 towards outdoor education facilities- it all mounts up.

### What did we buy last year?

Library books: £862

Class Xmas party and gifts £698

ELSA room and Maths equipment: £1533

Road safety signs: £389

Leavers bibles £283



### What are we saving for?

We are currently saving to contribute to the following big project; a large shed/container to store PE and outdoor equipment, with plans for an outdoor seating area around it to be used for outdoor learning and a place to sit and chill at play times.

Also on the school's wish list is the KS1 staging (outdoor area), revamping more classrooms and contributing towards Opal play; a new outdoor learning programme designed to encourage outdoor play and learn risk assessment skills.

Sadly we can't afford to do it all, so have prioritised the storage and outdoor seating area as it has the most beneficial reach.

Obviously the more we can raise this year the more we can contribute to the school's wish list. So please, please try and help where you can so we can continue to provide wonderful facilities and opportunities for our children.