

### Spring is here!

Welcome back to the Spring/Summer PSA newsletter. With Spring just around the corner it is time to get ready for the second half of the school calendar. After a relatively quiet start to the year, it is now a big countdown to the Summer Fair and the other PSA events that take place in between.

#### Thank you!

The first half of the year got off to a great start. The quiz night was a popular new arrival and raised £600. We acquitted ourselves handsomely, beating the teachers by a narrow margin. Better luck next time Lou and the Lovelies.

The Christmas Craft Fair goes from strength to strength and raised £2500. A big thank you to all of those who helped on the day and to everyone who came and spent their money!

#### Save these dates:

##### Cake Sales

Please keep the cakes coming in! The last cake sale raised £208 – well done year 1. And as the sun starts to shine we can hold these in the playground.

Friday 3rd April (run by year 3)  
Friday 1st May (run by year 4)  
Friday 22d May (run by year 5)  
Friday 26th June (run by year 6)

##### Rainbow Day

###### Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March

You will soon receive a letter inviting your child to be sponsored for wearing as many colours as possible on 'Rainbow Day'. A Highgate Primary special, your kids will love it and it's a fun and easy way to raise money.

Please note, we need lots of parent helpers on the day after drop off for half an hour to count colours before assembly. The Rainbow Cup is awarded to the class with the most colours. New parents: be warned – this is taken very seriously. Be creative!

##### Easter Egg Raffle

###### Friday 3 April 3.30pm

We have 3 weeks to gather as many Easter Eggs as possible for the Easter Egg Raffle. If you can donate an Easter Egg please leave it in the box in the office. Raffle tickets will be sent home - check those book bags – and will also be sold in the playground nearer the time. William will draw the winning tickets in the playground at 3.30pm. There will be a cake sale at the same time, so if you don't win an Egg you can buy a cake! Please donate Easter Eggs and buy raffle tickets.

##### One World Evening

###### Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June, 6-8pmTBC

A confirmed date and more details will follow soon. With international food, drink, music and dancing, the One World Evening is a fantastic evening where parents and staff, families and friends can all come together to celebrate being part of our great school community. We usually have a brilliant turnout for this, so watch this space for more info.

##### Summer Fair

###### Sunday 5 July 12-3pm

After the success of the Top of the Pops Christmas Concert, and in anticipation of rain, the Summer Fair this year will have a Glastonbury theme.

**Needed: musical parents.** We would like there to be lots of live music and are actively seeking bands or other musical talent to perform at our fair. Please come forward with your ideas, or even better – to volunteer! Is there a Dads' band out there? The Summer Fair is the biggest fundraiser of the year and takes a huge amount of organising. If you are able to help in any way, even just an hour here and there please, please let us know. Thank you.

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### Tea Towels

There are still a few tea towels left so if you didn't manage to get one at the Christmas Craft Fair, we'll be selling them at cake sales and after the class assemblies.

### Spending your money

Our fundraising focus this year is **music**. We are working with William and Hilla to introduce new musical initiatives for the whole school to enjoy including performances and workshops with professional musicians. We are also hoping to arrange for a whole year group to learn an instrument within school time. If you have any suggestions please let us know.

### Class Reps

Our ambition is to have class reps for every class in school. We have achieved this in KS1 (thank you!) but have a few gaps in KS2. It's not as daunting as it sounds. Being a class rep just means creating and updating a class list of names, phone numbers and email addresses, arranging an after school meet up in the woods and a night out for parents each term; and passing on PSA emails about school events via email. If any KS2 parents out there would like to volunteer please get in touch with our new class rep coordinator Karen Hives (RSM) who will be doing a great job keeping all the class reps in the loop.

### Gardening Club

If you like gardening, why not join the gardening team? They meet at school on Friday afternoons and are working their magic in the peace garden. Do take a look.

### School sweatshirts and t-shirts

We are looking for a volunteer to take on the school sweatshirts, t-shirts and fleeces. It's not a big commitment and just involves ordering the clothes and then taking them to the relevant classrooms once a term. Thanks to Barrie who has been doing this for the last year and is now moving back to the States. If you would like to help with this please contact Nikki ([nikkijolley@hotmail.com](mailto:nikkijolley@hotmail.com))

### Green is the new black

Don't forget, recycle, recycle, recycle and make use of the recycling bins at school. The school benefits directly from this too.

### Lost property

Just a reminder that there is a vast amount of lost property in the bins in the gym. Please go and have a look next time you have a few minutes to spare.

### Helping In Schools Course

A new course will be starting next term. If you're interested, come along to the introductory meeting on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March at 2pm in the family centre, or call Kim Slater on 07950 334111.

### Get involved

The PSA always needs new enthusiastic parents to help organise school events. It's very rewarding and enjoyable and a great opportunity to work closely with the teachers and William. Everyone is welcome to drop in to a PSA meeting in the family centre on Friday mornings. Come and have a cup of coffee and say hello. If you can't make a PSA meeting, speak to your class rep or contact one of us directly.

### Thank you!

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And the rest of the PSA team!