



## **Friends of Highfield Annual Report – AGM- November 2014**

Friends of Highfield have had a very successful year, organising a variety of events and celebrations, which involved parents, children, staff, governors and the local community. Since the last AGM (October 2013), the number of parents involved in Friends and helping with events has increased and we have had very positive feedback about the things that have been organised.

### **Main Events Organised November 2013 – October 2014**

- 1) **Christmas Discos** – We organised a Christmas disco for both KS1 and KS2. All the staff and children had a fantastic time. We made a profit of £430.
- 2) **Christmas Tree**- We provided a real Christmas tree for the hall, kindly paid for by a generous Parent. All the children made decorations for it, and it looked really wonderful!
- 3) **Refreshments for Christmas performances**- We served drinks to the parents before some of the Christmas events, and this provided a lovely opportunity for parents meet each other.
- 4) **Centenary Celebrations** - For the Centenary Celebrations, Friends supplied the balloons for the special balloon release at the end of the day and provided the Centenary Celebration bookmark souvenirs for all the children, staff and governors. Friends ran a costume competition awarding prizes for each class, with the children wearing clothes ranging from 1914 all the way through the different fashion eras to modern day. We also judged the amazing pieces of work that all the children made for the school museum, with each year group providing art and pieces from a particular era. The total expenditure was £719.
- 5) **The Friends of Highfield Shed**- After years of discussion, Friends finally purchased a shed from the School's fencing contractor, who delivered and installed the shed and will now maintain it every year along with the school's other fences and sheds. Prior to this, Friends has been using a large attic cupboard on the third floor, kindly provided by the school. The new shed was put up just in time to store all the items in preparation for the Summer Fete. The cost was £1360.
- 6) **Summer Fete- Celebrating 100 years of Highfield** – The Summer Fete was a huge success this year. It was extremely well attended by staff, families and the local community. We had a variety of activities for the children including pony rides, 3 inflatables, face painting and sports competitions as well as lots of other stalls for example teddy tombola. The atmosphere was amazing and the music from the Steel Band and dancing from the Highfield dance group added to this. The raffle this year had some fantastic prizes all of which were donated by local businesses. We produced and printed brochures for the first time. These really helped to promote the fete and we had very positive feedback on them. We also had so many comments about how great the food was. We had a BBQ, which was constantly busy and in the canteen there was a very impressive selection of international food, which had all been cooked and donated by parents. We were very fortunate to benefit from generous donations from a number of different parents who paid for two of Bouncy Castles, the ponies, the brochure and the steel band, as well as donating to the raffle. It was a fantastic day and we raised a grand total of £3000 in profit.
- 7) **Macmillan Coffee morning** - For the second year running we organised a coffee morning to raise money for this worthy cause. It was very well attended by staff, parents and carers, and we raised a total of £240.63.

## Summary of Main Revenue and expenditures November 2103-October 2014

Event	Revenue	Costs	Profit
Christmas Disco	£651	£220	£431
Centenary celebrations: balloon release, prizes, 1000 plates, bunting, napkins	n/a	£248	n/a
Centenary Leather bookmark souvenirs for children, staff and Governors	n/a	£471	
CAPITAL- Friends shed	n/a	£1360	n/a
Summer Fete	£3952	£949	£3003
CAPITAL - 10 Gazebos, buckets, high visibility jackets, bunting.	n/a	£274	n/a

<b>Total Revenue for year:</b>	<b>£4603</b>
<b>Total Capital (long-term items- Gazebos and Shed):</b>	<b>£1634</b>
<b>Centenary Bookmark Souvenirs:</b>	<b>£471</b>
<b>Event costs (excluding Capital &amp; Souvenirs):</b>	<b>£1417</b>
<b>Funds carried forward:</b>	<b>£1081</b>

### Items currently being purchased for the school:

1. Weather Station
2. Values books
3. Black History books

### Upcoming Events

- 1) **Christmas Discos** – A regular feature on the Friends calendar is the KS1 and KS2 Christmas discos. Friends will be organising the DJ as well as snacks and drinks that the children can buy at the disco. We will also be providing Christmas trees for the school. We will also be serving drinks to parents before the Reception Nativity and Carol Concert.
- 2) **Christmas Trees**- Friends will be providing a large Christmas tree for the new office entrance which will look fabulous by the large glass windows, and another Christmas Tree for the Hall. The children will be making decorations for the trees again this year.
- 3) **Performance refreshments**-Friends will be providing refreshments for the parents before their children's Christmas performances.
- 4) **Santa's Grotto** – This year Friends are organising a Santa's Grotto for all the children at Highfield Primary School. Each child will have an opportunity to visit the grotto, free of charge, and will receive a small gift. Friends will be designing, making and decorating the grotto.
- 5) **International Fashion Show** – Another new event is an International Fashion Show, which will be in the spring term on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2015 3.30-5pm.
- 6) **Summer Fete** – On Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2015 we will be holding another summer fete. We are hoping that it will be just as successful and well attended as last year.