



# Hampton Lucy Friends Autumn Term Newsletter

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## Welcome to the Friends Newsletter for the Autumn Term!



Firstly, a warm welcome to the new parents and children to our lovely school and the fantastic Friends group!

The Friends is the fund raising arm of the school, but the Friends is about much more than simply fundraising. The group exists to provide closer links between home and school and it is an excellent way to bring parents, carers, extended family and friends together socially in support of the school, working towards a common goal. It is fun too!

All parents and members of the school community are encouraged to get involved, even if they only have a small amount of time available. All families are automatically members of The Friends of Hampton Lucy School when their child joins our school.

Not all of our events are run as fundraisers. For example the Easter Egg Hunt, and the Leaver's Disco are run with the aim of giving the children a good time and as a way of thanking families for their continued support of the Friends.

Thank you to everyone who has supported the Friends in any way over the last year. As always we would like to thank Mrs. Lunnon, Mrs. Allred, Mr. Price and the staff for their continued help, support and enthusiasm.

## Committee News



I regret to announce that both Charli Grenney and Rosanna Bluck have resigned.

Thank you to both Charli and Rosanna for their sterling work over the last year.

An announcement will be made shortly about the new Treasurer!

Current Committee members are Chair: Shirley Prenton-Jones (Mum to Rhett in Year 2) and Secretary: Simone Van Dalen (Mum to Ruben in Year 2).

## Financial Information



2014/15 was a successful year for the Friends. Through fundraising activities we managed to generate funds of £9,027.60.

Our total spend for the year was £8,746.77 with the money going towards the Library Improvement project, the Sheds Project and the children attending Christmas productions this coming December.

We were very fortunate to receive a donation of £1,000 from The Richard Cadbury Trust, the Christmas Fair raised a gross income of £1,495.95 and the Summer Fair generated a gross income of £3,333.60. Thank you to everyone for their hard work and support in raising this fantastic amount.

More detailed financial information will be released in November at the EGM and in the Christmas Newsletter.



.....we raise money lots of different ways.....

Please use our **TEXTILE BANK**, by the front gate into school to recycle:

- ★ Adults and children's clothing;
- ★ Shoes and trainers;
- ★ Handbags and belts;
- ★ Sheets, curtains and towels.



Did you know that whenever you buy anything online - from your weekly shop to your annual holiday - you could be raising a free donation for Friends of Hampton Lucy School? There are nearly 3,000 retailers including Amazon, John Lewis, Aviva, thetrainline and Sainsbury's, who will donate a percentage of the amount you spend to Friends of Hampton Lucy School to say thank you for shopping with them.

It's really simple, and it **doesn't cost you anything at all.**

All you have to do is:

1. Go to <http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/hamptonlucyschool>
2. Sign up for free
3. Get shopping!! Your donations will be collected by easyfundraising and automatically sent to Friends of Hampton Lucy School. It couldn't be easier!

There are no catches or hidden charges and the Friends are very grateful for your donations.

For those of you who are already registered:

Have you ever forgotten to raise a donation for Friends of Hampton Lucy School - Warwickshire when you've bought something online? The easyfundraising Donation Reminder is perfect for you!

Follow a few simple steps to install it and the Donation Reminder will give you a handy little reminder whenever a donation is available when you're shopping online.

When you see the alert, just click to activate your donation. It's as easy as that!

Shoppers who use the easyfundraising Donation Reminder raise 5 times more donations for their cause because it helps them remember. You'll love it and we will too!

Find out more and help raise 5 times more for Friends of Hampton Lucy School here:

[www.easyfundraising.org.uk/raise-more/donation-reminder](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/raise-more/donation-reminder)

It cannot be stressed enough how easy these processes are, and what a difference it would make to the help and support that could be provided to the school if we all took 5 minutes to register. It is OUR children that will benefit from this.



We also collect used stamps. Please keep bringing in your used "*Fundraising Stamps*" for recycling.



**Which:** Any stamps recently collected from your post by cutting or tearing them off envelopes. Everyday 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> class stamps, both British and foreign stamps are OK, both franked and unfranked.

**Where:** Please put your stamps into the container by the signing in book outside the school office.

**NOTE:** Please don't trim too close as the perforations must not be damaged. It's a bit fiddly but if you can leave no more than 1cm of envelope around each stamp that would be perfect, thank you.

We are still collecting:

## **INK CARTRIDGES**



The Friends will be paid money for recycling used printer cartridges.

**How:** Recycling bags can be collected from school, by the “Empties Please” recycling box.

**Where:** To the right of the signing in book outside the school office.

Then please fill your bag with.....

**Which:** HP (except 364 small chip) Lexmark, Dell and any Canon labelled cartridges – PG37, PG40, PG50, PG510, PG512, PG540, PG545, CL37, CL38 CL41, CL51, CL52, CL511, CL513, CL541 and CL546.

**Then:** When your bag is full drop the bag into the “Empties Please” recycling box, please. Thank you.

**And:** “Empties Please” also run an ‘Eco Project’ designed to continue to encourage our pupils outside and learning about their local environment and wildlife. As well as every £1 raised they will give the school an additional ‘Green Point’ which can be redeemed for ‘Green Goodies’ for our school, such as bulbs, trees, butterfly boudoirs, bird houses, hedgehog houses, bug boxes, toad hides, vegetable / herb garden equipment, gardening tools, bird tables and feeders, bat boxes even sponsoring an endangered species and rain forest conservation projects too!

Cartridges can be collected from anywhere, school, home, work, clubs, friends and family.

**Also:** If parents would like to take a bin to work on behalf of our school “Empties Please”, we can supply a pack for you to do so. This is a great way of boosting the money raised. Parents could also ask local businesses to display a bin for our school, do you know a local shop, bank or business that could help?



Do your children like toys, enjoy making things and doing crafts?

Here’s another great way of raising money for our school, through the Friends. The good news is we’re not asking you to donate anything!!

All you have to do is buy some of the fun, great value crafts and toys from the Yellow Moon website and The Friends of Hampton Lucy School **will receive 10% cash-back** (excl. VAT, delivery and sale items) on everything you buy. So everyone benefits: your crafty and party bag shopping is easier; your children receive great products to help them create, party and learn; and we raise much needed funds too for FREE!

It’s really simple, all you have to do is:

- 1** Go to [www.yellowmoon.co.uk](http://www.yellowmoon.co.uk) and make a purchase
- 2** Mention this scheme to friends and family as they may want to add to your order
- 3** Quote our unique **SOURCE CODE:** SHA1592 when you check out
- 4** Yellow Moon will send your order direct to your home!

There are no hidden fees or promotional costs and Yellow Moon, as a thank you for shopping with them, will be giving a cash-back on your purchase to The Friends of Hampton Lucy School for FREE!

Are you thinking of buying a scooter or some new scooter accessories for Christmas?

Then look no further!! Our school will benefit, if you purchase items from this site:

**SCOOTERS FOR SCHOOLS**  
**m-cro**

# TOP 10 GIFT IDEAS

RAISE FUNDS FOR OUR SCHOOL ALL YEAR ROUND

- MICRO HELMET £19.95
- RIBBONS £7.95
- MINI MICRO FROM £54.95
- MICRO BAG £14.95
- BELLS £9.95
- MICRO TRIXX £119.95
- BUCKSACK £24.95
- MAXIMICRO FROM £99.95
- ST & SCOOT FROM £29.95
- BOTTLE HOLDER £9.95

- Earn money or Micro scooters for our school with every order you place at [www.micro-scooters.co.uk](http://www.micro-scooters.co.uk)
- Just enter our school's URN at checkout.
- No minimum order value.

Visit [www.micro-scooters.co.uk](http://www.micro-scooters.co.uk) and enter our school's unique reference number.

Our school's unique reference number is: **125635**

[www.hamptonlucyschool.org.uk/school/friends](http://www.hamptonlucyschool.org.uk/school/friends)

## New Fund Raising Schemes

### Match Funding

We wanted to take this opportunity to introduce you to Match Funding, and how a little bit of your time could raise double the funds for the Friends, and our children.

If you work for an organisation that has a match funding policy, any money raised by the Friends could be matched by your employer. Companies may match the fundraising total for an event, or for the stall that their employee is working on. Usually, the employee will need to supply them with a letter from the Friends detailing the date and nature of the event, together with the total raised.

We understand that high street banks, building societies, supermarkets and large corporations are likely to do match funding, but these schemes are not exclusive to the major corporate giants. If you work for an independent company, they may be interested in charitable giving through matched funding too.

We would be grateful if you could check if your employer has a match funding scheme, or if they are willing to match fund any of our events. If you can't help out this time, but you know the company you work for has a match funding policy, please let us know. This could be a really large source of income for the Friends and help us raise money for additional projects to those mentioned in this newsletter, and for Class Wish lists.

## Reminder: Mission Statement and Fundraising Focus for 2014-2015

The Friends group aim to

- Develop effective relationships between the staff, parents and other associated with the school,
- Arrange events and activities that raise funds for equipment and projects in school to enhance the education of the pupils,
- Organise social events for the enjoyment of the pupils, their families and the wider community.
- We have a new fund raising focus this year to renew the outdoor play area for Class 1 and iPads for Class 2.

### Other News



Rachel Manson (Mum to Jake and Thomas Prance currently in Class 3 and Class 1) is coordinating the "New to You" Uniforms and has put a new container for people to put any donations in, please. There is also a Facebook group:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/HLsnewtoyou.uniforms/>

## Next Friends' Meetings Date for your Diary

### **Extraordinary General Meeting: Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November after school drop off at school.**

The EGM is being held due to a lack of numbers at the AGM, to make changes to our current constitution which is unsustainable and to receive the Chair's and Treasurer's reports for 2014/5.

### Key Events for this Term:



#### **New to You Uniform Sale**

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October, in the playground at pick up time.

Rachel Manson is coordinating this event.



#### **Autumn Spooky Party & Disco**

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October** from 5:30pm until 7pm, in Hampton Lucy Village Hall. Fancy dress optional.

Fun and games and a guest star appearance for possibly the final time!! Tickets will be on sale shortly. Jo Hassall is coordinating this event.



#### **Pre-Christmas Bring and Buy Sale**

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November** in Hampton Lucy Village Hall.

2 co-ordinators needed, please!



#### **Christmas Bazaar** (Christmas Fete REVAMPED!)

**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> December** in school

Ideas welcomed for the "New" Christmas Bazaar the Christmas Fete revamped! A small group of co-ordinators is needed please.

All events take planning,



coordinating,



and hands on help.



If you would be prepared to volunteer to give hands on help, or be the Coordinator for any event please do let us know.

Co-ordinators are required for the Bring and Buy sale and the Christmas Bazaar, please. Please contact Shirley if you would be willing to be a coordinator ☺

Many thanks for reading,  
*Hampton Lucy Friends.*



# Friends of Hampton Lucy School

REMINDER: Please check the Friends Noticeboard, that's the green framed one to the left of the entrance to school, and the pages on the HL School Website for information about upcoming events:

**[www.hamptonlucyschool.org.uk/school/friends](http://www.hamptonlucyschool.org.uk/school/friends)**

We also have a presence on:

Twitter [www.twitter.com/FriendsHLSchool](https://twitter.com/FriendsHLSchool) and Facebook [www.facebook.com/hlsfriends](https://www.facebook.com/hlsfriends)

**[www.hamptonlucyschool.org.uk/school/friends](http://www.hamptonlucyschool.org.uk/school/friends)**