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Welcome to the Friends Newsletter for this Autumn Term.

Firstly a very, very big thank you to everyone who has supported the Friends in any way, shape or form. Whether you have sent in money for a cake, run a stall at the summer fair or done a reel at the barn dance - you have helped to support all the wonderful resources and experiences that our children enjoy. The Friends have an elected committee for legal reasons but by being a parent or carer of a child at HLS you are automatically a Friend and we welcome all your contributions in whatever size or form.

As always we would like to thank Mrs. Lunnon, Mrs. Alison Selwood, Mrs. Sue Alldred, Mr. Richard Price and the staff for their continued help and support. Thank you in particular to Mrs. Selwood who has helped us tremendously over the last year and is sadly leaving us.

As you may know, we have a newly elected committee this year. All of you will be well aware of the tremendous hard work and enthusiasm that our outgoing team gave to the school for the benefit of our children. I am sure you will join with us in extending a huge and heartfelt thank you to Jenni Morrison-Jones (Chair), Debbie Butterfield (Treasurer) and Nikki Carpenter (Secretary).

Outgoing Committee End of Year Financials

Presented at the AGM on the 1st October 2014. End of Year Statements indicate an Income of £7761.58 with Expenditure of £5786.41 making a profit of £1975.17.

Income this year was focused on the Fundraising events namely the Summer and Christmas Fairs which generated around £5000 (before expenses) Donations were in the region of £1000 and the cake sales £260, other activities such as the raft race, new to you uniforms brought in the additional £1500.

This year's expenditure includes £550 on camera equipment for the school, £100 for a table top freezer, c£200 for the Leavers discos and hoodies, £300 for school picnic benches and £1250 for school theatre tickets to see the BFG and Gruffalo performances.

Committee Members 2014/2015

Incoming Committee members as follows:

Shirley Prenton-Jones — Chair

Charli Grenney — Vice Chair

Rosanna Bluck — Treasurer

Shirley, Mum to Rhett in Year 1 says "Like the other committee members, I'm new to this and will need lots of support please, but I'm looking forward to having some fun, meeting other parents and making new friends, whilst chairing the committee. I work 3 days per week, which is why you will generally only see me on Wednesday or Friday, but please do seek me out and introduce yourselves. The Friends group is a way of bringing parents, teachers and the local community together, to facilitate raising money to support the school we have chosen to send our children to. Everyone can get involved in many different ways, even if they only have a small amount of time available; we will be asking for your help, support and donations over the coming months."

Charli, mum to Jacob in year 6 and Archie in Year 3 says "I'm very happy to be taking on a role with 'the Friends' for the next year. I'm very new to this, so I'm more than happy for any help/suggestions that any of you may have. Please don't hesitate to find me in the playground. I look forward to working with you all over the next year."

Rosanna, mum to twins, Joshua and Samuel in Reception says "I will be taking on the role of Treasurer to 'the Friends'. I come from a finance background and have worked in a finance capacity for corporate companies, including Cadbury's. I also worked for Schools Finance as my most recent finance role. I then had a period of time as a stay at home mum, which was lovely and returned to work as a Teaching Assistant for the last academic year, whilst my boys were at nursery. I am now self-employed, so I can be flexible as to what time I can put into 'The Friends'. I look forward to taking on this new venture and contributing towards raising money for the children of HLS to benefit from."

Positive Friend Interest Survey Response

A big thank you to all those individuals who found the time to visit our Friends Interest Survey. 48 Individuals engaged with the survey, 39 of whom completed. We are incredibly happy to see that 78% indicated that they are interested in helping out the Friends. All information provided to the Friends will be used to plan and co-ordinate the chosen activities for this year's fundraising, especially the ideas and suggestions (From which a snapshot has been provided below). It is clear from the results that we have volunteers for the Fair Organisation and running a stall. Also we have clear resources for Baking and Evening Events all of which are successful fundraising initiatives from previous years and would be great to continue running.

1. Interested in helping out the Friends?

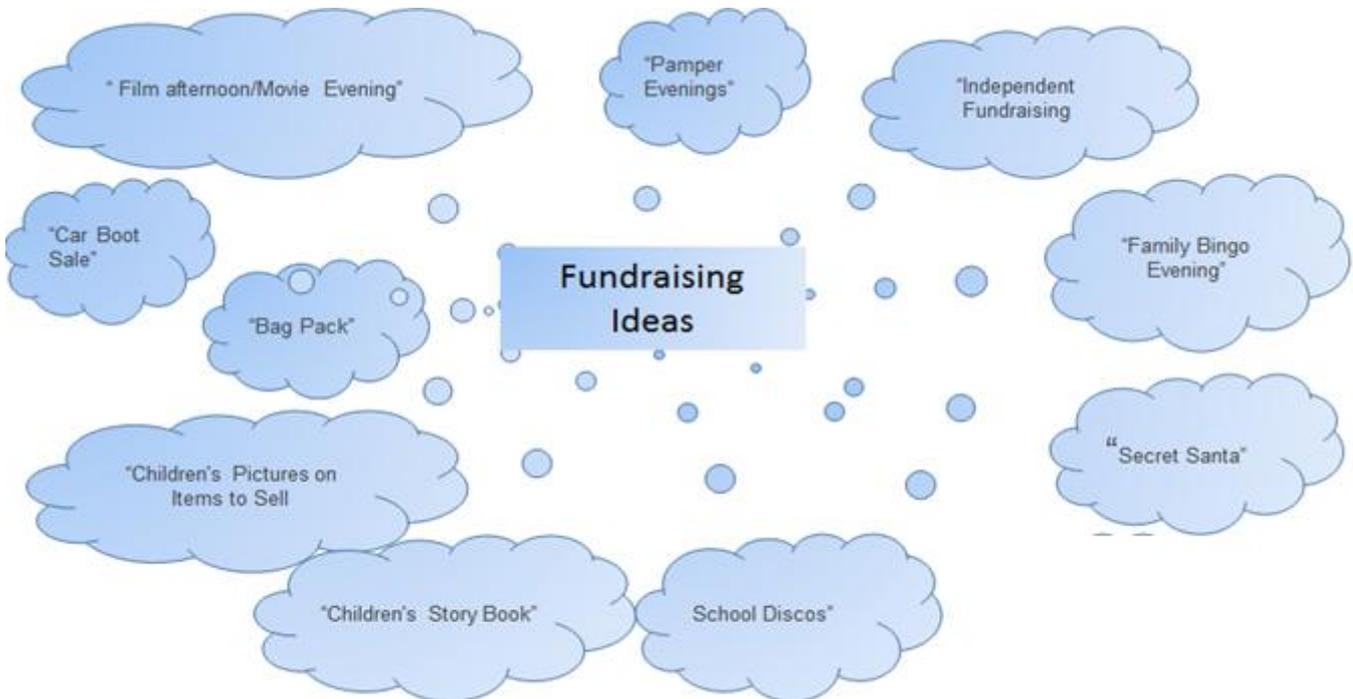
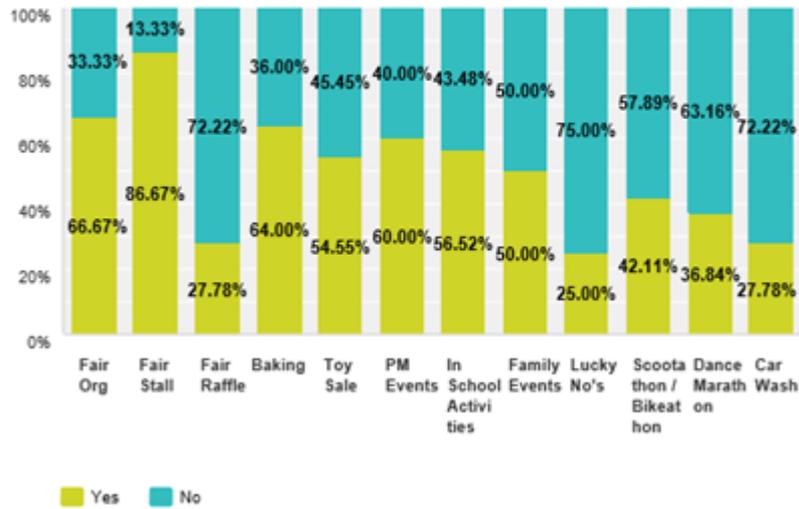


Skipped: 2 Answered: 46

Yes	78%	36
No (Skip through to Q6)	22%	10

Please indicate which of the following you would be interested in helping with:

Answered: 33 Skipped: 15



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.

The fundraising focus for 2014-2015 is to provide Hampton Lucy with resources to support the science subject throughout the school. The school would like to update the school science equipment to provide teachers with new tools to engage and capture children's imagination, inspiring them with "wow" science resources including space, human and plant biology, healthy eating, light and the weather. Posters, books and opportunities to visit places of scientific interest would also enhance our science curriculum and the children's learning.

Next Friends Meeting Date for your Diary

Wednesday 5th November after school drop off at the Village Hall Hampton Lucy also at 8pm on the 5th November in the Village Hall Hampton Lucy. Everyone is very welcome to attend.

Key Dates for this Term

****TODAY**** Friday 24th October - Spooky Children's Party at HL Village Hall 5 – 7.00pm.

Tickets can be purchased from the following Friends: Nikki Thompstone, Charli Grenney, Nikki Carpenter, Shirley Prenton-Jones, or from the Front Office.

Wednesday 5th November – Christmas Cards and Gifts Artwork to be returned to class teachers.

If you wish to participate in this artwork project there is an example of a card and a poster featuring gifts and prices on the Friends notice board.

Friday 5th December - Christmas Fair HLS School.

More Information will be on the website.

Many thanks for reading,
Hampton Lucy Friends.

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

We also have a presence on Twitter and Facebook – Details to follow of how to follow/join us.

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