

Halstow Primary School Newsletter

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Friends of Halstow Update

Quiz Night! Friday 2nd February at 7.30pm (8pm prompt start)

We have had 5 teams register for the quiz so far - would be great to get a few more! The cost is £6 per person (payment on the night) and teams bring their own drinks (no bar available) and food or even organise a takeaway. To register a team (please provide a team name if you can) or book a place please email friendsofhalstow@gmail.com

The event provides a really fun night where teams of up to 6 compete. Questions are set by the previous year's winners and range from conventional to ridiculous and teams are encouraged to dress up with a prize going to the best dressed. We really welcome new faces this year and if you don't have enough people for a team we can look to put you into one.

Instead of a raffle on the night we will have a game called **Last Square Standing**. 100 tickets will be on sale for this game at £2 a go (these will be sold in advance and on the night if any numbers left). The prize will be £200 cash.

Please visit the friends of Halstow Facebook group over the coming days for a video as this raffle is a little different!

Friends of Halstow AGM

The FoH met last night for their AGM. It was great to see a good turnout of 15 people and Tom Gray joined the meeting. We talked through the events of last year followed by a summary of the accounts by our treasurer and practical aspects of the charity roles and responsibilities by an independent examiner. We raised enough funds in 2017 to give the school £18,250 and other charities £600. This was a record year. The school have used the money for a number of initiatives including Forest School, Athletics, Arts week and a new projector used at all the Christmas shows.

We started discussing where future funds would go and will continue these discussions over the coming weeks.

We voted in the trustees/officers and committee members - a total of 14 people. It was great to see 5 new committee members.

The Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary will all have been in post for 2 years in September and will step down but will remain on the committee. We will therefore be voting in new positions (ideally 2 Co-Chairs and a new Secretary) in June to start in September. We will be circulating job descriptions for these roles in the coming weeks and are happy to have discussions with anyone who wants to find out more. Please contact friendsofhalstow@gmail.com if you would like more information.

Dates for the Diary

Quiz Night - Friday 2nd February
Valentine Disco (8th or 22nd February) - date tbc by next week
Ceili - Friday 9th March
Baby Nearly New Sale - Saturday 17th March (afternoon)
Pamper Night - 16th May
Summer Fayre - Saturday 8th July

Plastic 'not so' Fantastic

We have talked to the children a lot over the last couple of weeks about the mounting environmental crisis being caused by the amount of plastic on the planet. It will be a running theme over the next term and we were so pleased to see Anna, Violet and Lucy make their own posters in order to make people more aware of this problem.

Bikeability

The team from Bikeability will be at Halstow, over two weeks, from Monday 19th February. It is mainly for children in year 6 but some year 5 children will be able to participate as well. More information will be out soon but it is mainly for children who can already ride bikes but are interested in safer cycling, in particular, road safety.

Attendance

This is the first time our attendance has dipped below 97% for a long time. I hope this is a one-off and we maintain our excellent attendance record from next week.

Attendance Figure as at 19th January 2018

96.83%

DATES FOR THIS YEAR

TERM THREE

2nd February – FOH Quiz Night
6th February – Young Voices at the O2

TERM FOUR

19th February – Bikeability week 1
26th February – Bikeability week 2
27th February – Parents' Evening
28th February – Parents' Evening
1st March – **Miss Taylor and Miss Holmes' trip to Eltham**
Wide Horizons
2nd March – **Mrs Snellar's and Mr Clayton's trips to Eltham**
Wide Horizons
9th March – FOH CEIL
22nd March – **Year 1&2 trip to the Tower of London**
26th March – 29th March – Year 4 school journey to Wrotham

TERM FIVE

3rd May – Polling Day – School closed
14th May – KS2 SATs Week

TERM SIX

25th June – Year 1&2 Sports Day
26th June – Year 3&4 Sports Day
27th June – Year 5&6 Sports Day
29th June – Reception Sports Day
11th July – Parents' Evening