



Holme Grange School Parents' Amenities Association

16th September 2009

Dear Parents,

First of all, on behalf of the PAA we would like to extend a very warm welcome to all new parents at Holme Grange School. We would also like to welcome back those parents who have been a part of the Holme Grange community for some while.

All parents at Holme Grange School automatically become members of the PAA. There is no membership fee! The PAA Committee is made up of parent volunteers and teaching staff representatives who give of their time freely to help enhance our children's experience at school. You can find details of the current Committee membership on the PAA Notice Board located alongside the library building.

The main function of the PAA is to raise funds for the school through a wide variety of activities. Money raised is used to provide those extra things that would not normally be covered in the School's development plan or via the curriculum. In addition the PAA provides a chance to meet with other parents at regular meetings and organises a variety of social events. See the attached flyer with dates of some of our forthcoming events. Please make a note of these dates in your diary now and look out for more information by email, the school bags and from your PAA Class Representative in the coming weeks.

The PAA always needs volunteers. You can get involved at any level you like from being an elected committee member, a PAA Class Representative (newly introduced this academic year) or just offering occasional help at events (our 'helping hands').

Our PAA AGM takes place on Wednesday 7th October and all Parents are welcome to attend to find out more about the Committee and its plans for the new academic year.

What kind of activities do the PAA run?

- Thrift Shop
- Fundraising events, including Bonfire Nights, Shopping Trips, Christmas Dinner Dances, Summer Balls and Quiz Nights, 'Gift Wrap' sales and a PAA 200 Club
- Refreshments at new parents' evenings, Open Days, drama productions and other school activities
- Decorating the school halls for Christmas
- Provides funding for a variety of projects.

What have the PAA raised funds for over the last few years?

- Purchased one of the 2 new school mini buses
- Funding for the decoration of the school sports hall
- Provided equipment for the new Reception class outdoor play area

- Funding for a new wildlife project involving the renovation of the pond area at the front of the school
- Funding for the Pre-Prep Christmas Party, Year 3-5 Pantomime visit and the Year 6-8 Christmas Disco
- We have also in the past supported a 'Third World' project, Majivuni School in Kenya, and have provided funding for a new classroom, a toilet block, books and equipment.

What are the future fundraising projects?

Members of the PAA Committee are due to meet with the Building and Grounds Governors on October 13th to discuss projects for the 2009-2010 academic year. The PAA will provide an update on projects to be funded before the half term break.

How can you get involved?

If you feel able to offer some of your time to the PAA please feel free to contact one of the current PAA Committee in person or drop a note to us via the PAA post box which is located in the school office. If you would like to volunteer to be your Class PAA Representative then please contact either Kelly Barnby or myself.

Looking forward to meeting you!

Miranda Murton

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PAA Committee Chairman

Holme Grange School PAA

Forthcoming Events

Make a note of these dates in your diary now!

Wednesday 7th October – PAA AGM

An opportunity to join the PAA Committee to hear their review of the last academic year and their plans for the next. All parents are warmly invited to attend. Parents interested in joining the PAA Committee or helping with our activities are asked to contact Miranda Murton, Chairman or Kelly Barnby, Deputy Chairman. More information will be sent out soon.

Friday 6th November – Fireworks Night

One of the highlights of our entire social calendar is the annual family 'Fireworks Night' which is open to all pupils, staff and friends of Holme Grange School. BBQ food, drinks, Krispy Kreme doughnuts, sweets and luminous novelties will all be on sale from 6.00pm. More information and booking forms will be sent out soon.

Friday 27th November – Knightsbridge Shopping Trip

Get a head start with your Christmas Shopping by joining our annual Knightsbridge Shopping Trip open to all parents and friends. A coach will take you to Knightsbridge (drop off at Harrods) where you will be able to spend the day shopping for Christmas presents or indulging in a little personal retail therapy! Coach returns by 5.30. More information available soon.

Saturday 6th December – Christmas Supper & Disco

Kick-start your Christmas festivities by joining our Christmas Supper & Disco! Why not make up a table with friends and dance the night away! More information will be available soon but make a note of the date in your diary now!

Saturday 6th February – Quiz Night

Join us at a not so serious Quiz Night open to all parents and friends. Start thinking about who you would like on your team and brush up on your general and trivia knowledge over the Christmas break! Make a note of the date in your diary now!

Coming Soon!

Following the huge success last year look out for more information about the Northbrook Wrapping Paper Sale and the Christmas card project - both coming soon!