

# THE BUSH TELEGRAPH

THE HOLLYBUSH PTA NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2023

## HELLO!

A warm welcome back to our Hollybush families! Keep reading to hear about all the exciting things we have lined up for this term!

## GOLDEN TICKET LOTTERY LAUNCH

Back by popular demand, we are re-launching our Golden Ticket Lottery! Tickets are priced at £10 each, with £5 going straight to FOHS and the other £5 going into the prize pot which will be divided equally between the 10 draws throughout the year. The lottery is open to anyone, so please suggest this to friends and family, as the more people who take part, the bigger the cash prizes! Tickets will shortly be available via our new website until Sunday 22nd October. An email with full details will be sent out soon, so keep your eyes open!



## Treasurer needed!

**Our PTA has a vacancy from October 2023**

We have big plans to raise money and fund important projects for our school and we need a Treasurer to help us do this. If you secretly love to colour code spreadsheets and are a dab hand with a calculator, then please get in touch for more details!



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - AUTUMN/WINTER TERM 2023

- Tuesday 3rd October: FOHS AGM
- Friday 20th October: After School Doughnut Sale
- Tuesday 31st October: Halloween Dress Up Day (suggested donation of a bottle or chocolate for the Winter Fayre tombola)
- Friday 3rd November: Quiz Night
- Friday 1st December: Winter Fayre

# 2023/2024 FUNDRAISING TARGET & SCHOOL WISH LIST

The FOHS fundraising target for this year will be £3,500. We are currently consulting with the school about which items they would like to prioritise from their Wish List, but there are a range of things we plan to purchase this year including sports equipment, gardening tools, art materials, outdoor furniture and more. We will share more with you once it has been confirmed.

## 2022/2023 EXPENDITURE

Last year FOHS was proud to support our pupils in a range of ways, including:

- Usborne book donation
- Financial support of the school allotment
- 24 bike helmets for EFYS
- Water bottles for every pupil to commemorate the coronation
- Subsidised end-of-term disco
- Year 6 after SATS treat day
- Sound system for the hall
- Year 6 Leavers books



## AGM: TUESDAY 3RD OCTOBER

Our next Annual General Meeting will be held on 3rd October at 6:30pm in the school hall. Everyone is welcome to come and hear about FOHS and meet the team, especially nursery parents/carers who may be interested in being Class Reps, and anyone interested in becoming our treasurer. Drinks and snacks will be provided!

### NEW FOHS WEBSITE COMING SOON!

- Buy event tickets online
- Keep up-to-date
- Contact the team easily
- Watch our fundraising thermometer rise!

## SOCIAL MEDIA & FOHS SUPPORTERS GROUP

We are excited to soon be launching our new website, but in the meantime, please follow us on Instagram and Facebook, and if you're keen to support us a little bit more, but not ready or able to join the Committee, why not join our supporters WhatsApp group to hear about volunteering opportunities? Just drop us a line at [HollybushPTA@gmail.com](mailto:HollybushPTA@gmail.com), and we'll sign you right up!



## DONATE TO OUR SOS FUND

We fully understand how busy life can be, so we've set up the Support Our School (SOS) Fund, for those who would like to contribute to FOHS, but aren't able to give their time. Supporters can give a one-off donation, or set up a standing order to: Friends of Hollybush School, Sort Code: 30-94-17, Account Number: 01626468 for as much or as little as they like. Donations will be anonymous to everyone but the Chairs and the Treasurer, but much appreciated by all. Should you also be happy for us to claim Gift Aid, please email [HollybushPTA@gmail.com](mailto:HollybushPTA@gmail.com)