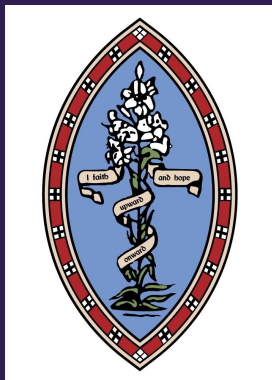


The Howard 'Friends' NEWSLETTER

December 2022



Hello end of Term One!

As I'm writing this, we are in the middle of our Christmas events, with our wonderful Christmas Fayre this Friday still to come!

Firstly, this term, we've welcomed a new member, as baby Felicity graced us with her gorgeous presence. She is doing a great job with her mom smashing out Treasurer duties. Roz, we honestly are overwhelmed about how you are keeping on top of PTA finances and family life. You are incredible! Thank you!

From babies to fundraising...: we've had a few different fundraisers this term, so maybe the easiest thing is to summarise what we have achieved with your wonderful support!

Event/Activity	Amount raised
School Photos	£88.00
Christmas cards	£139.85 (subject to final confirmation)
Craft bags	£249.10
Wreath making	£1116.35
Cowleys Christmas market	£210.84
Fund matching	Hopefully £333.00 in total (awaiting confirmation)



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we are so grateful to the parents (and siblings) who gave up their time, planning for and helping with Craft Day: Munro, Daisy, Mia, Faith, Kelly, Liv, Sarah L, Sinead, Lizzie, Dee and of course Sarah E, whose passion for this special day is incredible. We hope your kids had fun and are proud of what they made. The parents decided to donate the cost of their craft, so, without those costs to cover, they raised £230.12

We've had three of our five planned festive events so far and the support has been overwhelming. The wreaths were just wow! So nice to see all the individual styles and it was so lovely to meet people's family members and friends. Loving seeing those wreaths on people's doors since! Thank you to all our helpers; Katie your help with the bases and foliage was incredible! Ev, Emma, Dee, Andy, Sophie your help was phenomenal! ... Vicki if you read this.... Elford is ready for you, you did promise if you smashed your wreath ...!

The Cowleys wonderful Christmas market was a brilliant way to start the festive season, too! Mulled wine and wonderful baked goods from Ev and Dee! Thank you to Laura for coming to help, too - such a fantastic workmate, as always!

Like I say, just the Christmas Fayre (which will be magical, thanks to Sinead and Lizzie) and Electric Avenue to go now! Come on weather!!!! Please be kind to us!

So where is all this money going? We are currently fund raising for picnic benches, and Maths and STEM equipment, whilst supporting day to day projects in the school. This half term we have spent £366.22 on Design and Technology equipment for Class 2 and 3 and Nativity equipment for Class 1, certificates and Christmas related items. Thank you for all your support to make this happen. We also will be contributing £500 to panto costs.

Hopefully, bigger purchases will occur in the New Year. We are just waiting on final decisions on the previously raised classroom funds, to make sure that we're spending the newly raised funds in a complementary way to best benefit the school. Once we know what is planned, we can press forward with spending what you've raised this school year. And the previous PTA team will contact the parents and the wider village in the New Year with the exciting news of what's been achieved with the classroom funds they raised previously.

And finally, as always, anyone is welcome to join our team. We are massive supporters of each other and understand everyone can give differently at different times! Please chat to me or Emily if interested.

On that note, Merry Christmas! One whole term done!!!! Boom!

Love Rach, Emily and the PTA family.

