



# Friends of Hazlehurst (PTA) Newsletter

## Report on the Autumn Term 2015



The past term has seen the school host a number of successful events that have been enjoyed by hundreds of parents, children, family members, and the local community. Many thanks to all those who have supplied goods, organised events, helped out on stalls, and braved the rain to attend and support events.

### Christmas Fair Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November

The Christmas Fair kicked off the festive season in spectacular style with some fantastic stalls, such as plate decorating, face paints, make your own reindeer food, the amazing racing pigs in blankets, and of course, the ever popular tombolas. Santa also paid us a visit and put smiles on lots of children's faces once again. The tea room and cake stall were a great success, and the raffle was also a big hit with some fantastic prizes. Congratulations to Isobel Peel for correctly guessing the weight of the Christmas cake and to Rachel Waters who won the star raffle prize and 'guess the name of the giant polar bear'. Hopefully, Alfonzo is feeling right at home in the Waters household by now. Congratulations must also go to all the children who won the Festive Favours competition. Everyone put so much effort in and they flew off the shelves. A special thanks should go to the school brass band who entertained the masses on the night with their fantastic Christmas music. The Friends of Hazlehurst would like to thank everyone who donated items and supported the event on the night. It was a great turn out and lots of festive fun was had by all. The event raised £1000 for the school funds.



### Rotary Santa

It was with great pleasure that some of the Friends took up the offer of helping Santa on his sleigh round the local streets in December to raise money for the school and for the rotary charities. It was so lovely to see all the children's (and some adults!) faces as they heard the Christmas music and headed out to meet Santa on the sleigh. Big thanks to all families who supported the event which raised £400 on the night, half of which will go directly to Hazlehurst school for the children.

### Tea and Toys Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2015

Another event loved by the children and this year, wonderfully supported by all our families at school. On the day, the children had plenty of great toys to choose from and the cakes sent in were fantastic. The event raised £200 for the school funds.

### Save the Date

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> February - Family Ceilidh Dance. 7pm - 9.30pm. Tickets available from the office shortly.

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March - Family Bingo Night. 7pm - 9pm. Lots of fun for all the family and great prizes to win.



## Does your employer have a Match Funding Scheme?

Many larger nationwide employers have a Match Funding Scheme whereby an employee can apply to their employer about an individual event and the employer may agree to:

- Match the total funds raised for an event.
- Match the funds you personally take on a stall for an event.
- Match the sponsorship the school secures for an event.

Match funding could be a huge benefit to Hazlehurst School. If you are aware that your company has such a scheme we would be grateful if you could consider how it could help the school. Please visit <http://www.pta.co.uk/fundraising/faqs-match-funding.aspx> for more information or email the friends at [hazlehurst.pta@googlemail.com](mailto:hazlehurst.pta@googlemail.com)

## Your Friends of Hazlehurst

Just a reminder that all parents are welcome to attend as many or as few Friends meetings as they wish. The idea of being a 'Friends Member' is a bit of a myth - anyone can (and does!) attend any time they like. Please come along if you are curious. The next meeting is on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> February, 7pm, at school.



Thanks to everyone for all your support both in planning and attending events to raise funds that benefit all the children.

Sarah Carroll (Chairman)