# **HSA News**

## Dates for your diaries

## **Quiz Night**

Friday 11th February

#### **HSA Meeting**

Tuesday 15th March 7.15pm in Heatherside Junior School (followed by social at the Prince of Wales) - all welcome!

#### **Preloved Uniform Sale**

March (date to follow shortly)

#### **Curry Night**

Thursday 7th April - details to follow shortly

#### **Fleet Carnival**

Saturday 2nd July

#### Summer Fair

Friday 8th July

## Hello from the HSA

Now that we are over the Covid chaos of last term and Christmas, we wanted to update parents on what the HSA has been up to and the plans we have for this academic year.

We also wanted to take this opportunity to introduce those who haven't been part of the Heatherside community for long to 'who we are, and what we do'.

#### Introduction to the HSA

The HSA is a registered charity (charity no:284361) and is made up of volunteers, which includes 9 trustees. Last term we held the AGM and a new committee was appointed. Please see the attached team sheet.

The HSA's objective is to raise funds and support the schools to help enrich and enhance the school experience and facilities of the children. Before Covid, the HSA consistently raised funds in excess of £20,000 each year (funds are split 50/50 between the schools) by organising fairs, social events and other initiatives. We are hoping to get back to this level this academic year with your help!

Last year the HSA was able to support the schools by providing funds for:

Heatherside Infant School - 6 Prometheus Boards (£16,000) so that each class now has one in their classroom (these are interactive screens used as a learning tool). A further £1,000 contributed towards the Panto, cooking ingredients, and beanbags.

Heatherside Junior School - 16 Ipads at the cost of £5,300. A further £1,800 contributed towards the Panto and toadstools for the playground.



# Funds raised year to date

So far this academic year the HSA initiatives and events have raised:

Halloween Trail - £275

Christmas Cards - £1374

Silent Auction & Raffle - £3441. Thanks to all parents who participated and donated.

**Second hand uniform & Christmas jumper sale - £784**. The second hand uniform sale continues to be very popular, we are delighted so many clothes get to be reused! Please contact Amy Britten if you have any uniform to donate, or wish to purchase any uniform.

**Upcycled Uniform Products - £505**. If you want to join the sewing team contact Claire Clarke.

Juniors Christmas Performance Coffee & Mince Pie sale -£307

Amazon Smile & Easy Fundraising - circa £400

HSA Coffee morning - £65

# How you can get involved

With the big plans we have for the rest of the year, now is a good time to get involved. If you would like to join the HSA team please email us (your.heatherside@gmail.com) or reach out to one of the team (see team sheet). We have members who help a lot and those that help a little (offering just an hour of their time); all help is very welcome and without support, the HSA won't be able to get back to raising the same pre-Covid level of funds.

**Summer Fair:** we need lots of people to help us organise this; in particular we need volunteers to run:

- the volunteer schedule (ideally there would be two people to run this)
- a photo booth

If you are able to help with either of these roles, please get in touch with Elizabeth Elliott via facebook or email <a href="mailto:your.heatherside@gmail.com">your.heatherside@gmail.com</a>. We will also be looking for volunteers to help on various stalls.

**Corporate donations:** if you or your company is able to support the HSA either financially or by donations, please let us know! In return we are able to include the company name in our event marketing and communications.

If you haven't already done so, please join our new Facebook page: Heatherside Schools Association Team Members

Elizabeth Elliot	Co Chair
Fiona Barnes	Co Chair
Caroline Tarrant	Secretary
Sarah Napier	Treasurer
Claire Clarke	Trustee - manages uniform upcycling
Natalie Thapa	Trustee
Amy Britten	Trustee - manages 2nd hand uniform sales
Fiona Baker	Trustee
Helen Straker	Trustee - manages event games



