

WELCOME BACK

FOHPS NEWSLETTER

JANUARY
EDITION

Welcome back, everyone, and Happy New Year! We hope you had a wonderful Christmas filled with laughter, joy, and just enough mince pies to last you until next December. Sure, the weather might be doing its best impression of a soggy, grey blanket, but don't worry—it hasn't dampened the PTA's spirits one bit! We're as enthusiastic as ever (perhaps fueled by a few too many leftover chocolates) and ready to tackle this term with all the energy of a snowstorm... just the fun kind, not the kind that shuts down schools. So bundle up, grab a warm drink, and let's make this term as bright as a festive sweater!



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Now
Open!

Non
UNIFORM

FRIDAY 13TH
FEBRUARY



World Book Day
March 6th

Easter Egg
Hunt
April 4th



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PARENT

Directory

**new
new**

**Support our school community
while finding trusted services.**

Join the PTA Parent Directory – Showcase Your Business!

We're thrilled to launch our very first PTA Parent Directory, and we want YOU to be part of it! For just £10 for the entire year, you can promote your business to our school community. This introductory offer includes your name, contact details, logo, and a brief description of your business—all in one convenient resource for families looking to support local.

Want to make an even bigger impact? Full and half-page options are also available at an alternate price—just ask us for details!

This is a fantastic opportunity to showcase your business, connect with other families, and support our school at the same time. Don't miss out on this exciting chance to be part of something special—join the directory today!

For more information or to reserve your spot, contact infofohps@gmail.com. Let's make this directory a success together!



Wow!

We are thrilled to share some fantastic news about the playground! If you've had a chance to peek outside recently, you'll have noticed how amazing the new grass looks where the old tyres used to be. Here's what's been happening:

- The ground has been raised to cover those pesky tree roots that were becoming a trip hazard—no more tumbles!
- The worn-out tyres (which were starting to fall apart) have been safely removed.
- In their place, there's now a fun new slope next to the slide—perfect for climbing, rolling, and, let's face it, endless imaginative play.

This essential work ensures the children can continue to have a safe, fun, and exciting outdoor space to enjoy during breaks and beyond. The transformation is already a huge hit with the kids, and we couldn't be happier to see it in action!

The PTA is so proud to have funded this project, and we want to extend a big thank you to everyone who supports our fundraising efforts. Whether it's attending events, volunteering time, or simply cheering us on—you make these improvements possible. Here's to fewer scrapes, more smiles, and a playground that keeps sparking joy for years to come!

*Best Wishes
The PTA Team*



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SUMMER

FETE

Saturday 7th June

YOUR STALL
YOUR CHOICE

THIS YEAR, WE'RE EXCITED TO LET EACH **KS2** CLASS TAKE CHARGE OF THEIR OWN STALL AT THE FETE! YOU'LL GET TO DECIDE WHAT TYPE OF STALL TO RUN, SO HAVE A THINK ABOUT WHAT'S REALISTIC AND ACHIEVABLE FOR YOUR CLASS. LAST YEAR, MANY PEOPLE WERE INTERESTED IN TRADITIONAL FETE STALLS, BUT FEEL FREE TO BE CREATIVE! YOU CAN SELL ITEMS, RUN GAMES OR ACTIVITIES, OR CRAFT THINGS TO SELL – THE CHOICE IS YOURS. YOU'RE ALSO WELCOME TO DECORATE YOUR STALL HOWEVER YOU LIKE.

AS AN ADDED BONUS, THE CLASS THAT RAISES THE MOST MONEY WILL WIN A SPECIAL PRIZE.

A Form has been created with ideas that you can tick to claim that stall idea or a space to add your own idea.

FoHPS can help supply some items for activities as we have some items in the shed, please do ask.

KS2 Class Reps

Please contact FoHPS via Whats App if you have not yet filled in the form.

Competition

ALL YEAR GROUPS



Inventors Challenge

CREATE YOUR OWN GADGET

Theme: "Helping Hands – Make Life Easier!"

Description:

Design and describe a gadget or invention that could solve a problem in your everyday lives, help others, or make something easier to do.

Rules:

Age Categories:

Lower Primary (Years EYFS-3)

Upper Primary (Years 4-6)

Submission Guidelines:

Participants can submit their invention as:

A drawing/diagram (optional for younger kids) with labels.

A written description explaining what the gadget does, how it works, and why it's helpful.

Maximum submission length: 2 pages or 1 large sheet.

Materials Allowed:

Children can build a model of their gadget using recycled materials like cardboard, paper, plastic bottles, etc., but this is optional.

Timeframe:

Submissions to be handed in by January 31st.

Judging Criteria:

Creativity and originality.

Practicality or impact of the invention.

Effort and thought put into the explanation or design.



Best Invention in Each Age Group

Most Imaginative Invention – Special prize for the most out-of-the-box idea.

Eco-Innovator Award – For gadgets that use eco-friendly or recycled materials.

“People’s Choice Award” where parents, teachers and students vote for their favourite.



COME ON BOARD

Parents



Gemma
Co-Chair
2nd year in position



Charly
Co-Chair
1st year in position



Tracy
Treasurer

THE TEAM
NEEDS
YOU



Steph
Committee Member



Kerry
Committee Member



Tracey
Committee Member



Olivia
Committee Member



Jess
Committee Member



Teachers



Mrs Sharp
Head Teacher

Can you...
Create sign-up sheets,
organizes helpers, and
ensure no one carries
the load alone?

Can you....
Make everything run
smoothly while
ensuring kids (and
parents) have a blast!

Can you....
Take meeting
minutes and send
out updates?

Can you...
Think up fun and
creative ways to raise
money?

Can you....
Manage budgets,
counts funds, and
ensure every penny
goes where it's
needed most?

Can you....
Coordinate events,
oversees projects, and
keep everyone
motivated and on
track?

Can you....
Add flair and sparkle
to all PTA projects—
no glitter is too
much!?

January

EDITION

FOHPS DONATION STATION

Current Total

€ 19,044.05
prior to paying for stage 1



PLAY AREA AND STAGE



OUTDOOR CLASSROOM



Stage Three

Edspace:
15,000 exc VAT

Stage Two

EdSpace:
£10,845 exc VAT

Outdoor Space
rejuvenation

Co-Chair Required

September 2025 start



Co Chair Job Description

Are you organized, motivated, and excited to help create a thriving school community? We're looking for a friendly, team-oriented person to step into the role of PTA Co-Chair! This is a fantastic opportunity to make a meaningful impact on our school while building strong connections with parents, teachers, and staff. As PTA Co-Chair, you'll partner with the Chair to guide our PTA activities, help plan events, and keep everything running smoothly. You don't need prior experience—just a can-do attitude, a love for teamwork, and a willingness to get involved. We'll be here to support you every step of the way!

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Co-Chair Required

September 2025 start



Co Chair Job Description

What You'll Do:

- **Team Leadership:** Work alongside the Chair to organize PTA meetings, plan activities, and make sure our goals are met.
- **Event Support:** Help bring fun events and fundraisers to life by coordinating details, rallying volunteers, and pitching in wherever needed.
- **Communication:** Be a point of contact for parents and staff, sharing information and encouraging involvement in our initiatives.
- **Big Picture Thinking:** Contribute ideas, help set priorities, and make sure the PTA is on track to benefit our entire school community.

This role is perfect for someone who:

- Is organized and reliable, with a knack for keeping things on track.
- Enjoys working with others and bringing people together as a team.
- Has strong communication skills and can share ideas in a friendly, clear way.
- Loves brainstorming new ideas and solving little challenges as they arise.
- Is ready to make a difference and contribute to a positive school environment.

Why Join Us?

- **Be Part of the Action:** Help shape the events and initiatives that make our school a wonderful place to be.
- **Build Relationships:** Make meaningful connections with other parents, teachers, and staff.
- **Grow Your Skills:** Gain experience in teamwork, leadership, and event planning.
- **Flexible Commitment:** The role usually takes a few hours a week, with a little extra time around big events—and we're happy to work with your schedule.

If you're ready to make a real impact, have some fun, and support our amazing school community, we'd love to hear from you! Let's work together to create something special.



Leigh Academy
Horsmonden



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Treasurer Required

September 2025 start



PTA Treasurer Job Description

Are you organized, reliable, and ready to make a real difference in our school community? We're looking for a friendly, detail-oriented person to join our PTA as the Treasurer! No need for heavy accounting experience—just a willingness to help, learn, and stay organized.

As Treasurer, you'll play a key role in managing the PTA's finances, ensuring our funds are in order, and helping us make the most of our resources. Your tasks will include keeping simple records of money raised through events, paying bills, and preparing basic reports for our meetings. Don't worry, we'll provide guidance every step of the way.

This role is perfect for someone who enjoys being part of a team and making a real impact. The time commitment is flexible, typically around an hour a week, with a little extra time needed before and after events. It's a great way to stay connected with school activities and lend your support to our amazing PTA.

If you're looking for a rewarding way to give back to the school, we'd love to have you on board!



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