



Dear Friends of Horsley School,

If you are new to the school, welcome! If your child/ren are returning for another year, we hope that you enjoyed the FHS events over the last school year. It was the first year for many that we were able to hold an almost complete set of events, and we were delighted to be able to enjoy these really important aspects of our community.

Thank you to everyone who helped out, attended or contributed in any way: you enabled the children (and adults) to have lots of fun and raise considerable funds to support the school. This year that funding has enabled the school to purchase:

Forest school kit for use in PE, geography, science and art;

Sports equipment including hoops, wobble boards, table tennis, hockey sticks and balls, rainbow wands and volleyballs;

Music equipment including 10 glockenspiels and 25 tin whistles;

More sports equipment... and archery kit and spike ball game.

All of which allow the school to enrich the children's experience at school, thank you!

Here's a reminder of the events FHS typically runs throughout the year:

October: **Monsters' ball** (discos for KS1 and KS2) costumes encouraged!

November: **Fireworks night** (this is a whole-village event run by FHS)

December: **Winter Fayre** (last ran in 2019, featuring food, a bar, stalls and games run by the children, Father Christmas in attendance)

February/March: **Chilli and Quiz night** (This event is just for the grown up's, but open to the whole village. This year we did manage to beat the teachers!)

Last day before Easter break: **Duck race** (Children, accompanied by parents/guardians, watch the rubber ducks dash from the Washpool down the stream, whilst enjoying cake and refreshments?)

June/July: **Summer fete** (BBQ, bar, bouncy castle, games stalls)

Last day of the school year: **Waterfight** (water-based anarchy on the field after the end of the school day)

The current executive committee (Rosie Godfrey, Vickie Bevan and Martin McDermott) all have children in Year 6. We are keen to have a smooth handover to a new executive and encourage more parents to replace some active committee-members whose children have now moved on to

secondary school. This will take FHS forwards and ensure that it represents the school community, adapting and enhancing events, whilst raising valuable funds.

We know that helping to run events in addition to all the other demands we have as parents/carers can seem a bit daunting, but we've really enjoyed our time as committee members and have had a lot of giggles along the way. It can feel a bit of a juggling act at times but sometimes dashing out of the office with 'see you tomorrow, I'm off to count rubber ducks' brings its own pleasure!

Our AGM will be on Thursday 22nd September at 8 pm in The Hog, and everyone is welcome to attend. We are looking to fill the executive committee roles as well as providing an opportunity for others to stake a claim on events they might like to run/co-run at the meeting. For example, though there are plenty of hands available to help on the night, we don't currently have anyone in place to coordinate the fireworks event for this year.

Unfortunately, FSH can't function without a committee and helpers. So, if people don't come forward we will have to begin the wind-up process as we are a charity. We really don't want to see that happen. We know there are lots of folks who would enjoy the opportunity to take FHS forward but perhaps haven't had the chance to experience what this might entail due to the relative hiatus of the last few years.

If you are interested in any of the committee roles or taking a more leading role in FHS but are unable to make the AGM, or would like to find out more about what is involved (we will be honest!) please get in touch at teamfhs@outlook.com

Equally, If you'd like to find out more about FHS or just attend the AGM as usual and don't want to take on a formal role at this point, that's fine please come along, we'd like as many folks there as possible and you won't get signed up for anything accidentally! It's a great way to get to know people, especially if you are new to the school and/or are unlikely to be a pic- ups and drop-off (this has been the case for all of the current committee).

We are excited for a new school year which, we hope will involve lots of events for our whole school and the wider community to get involved with, as well as a new committee taking over FHS with fresh ideas and perspectives.

Wishing you and your families a fantastic year ahead,

Rosie, Vickie and Martin

FHS Chair, FHS Secretary, FHS Treasurer