



Dear Parents

**Friends of Monksmead** would like to thank you for your support this year with our fundraising events. Our last event - the *Winter Fayre*-made a total profit of £3300 which is a fantastic result! Thank you to all the parents and teachers who gave up their time to run the event. Without this amazing support we could not raise the money we do!

This year we have spent money in the following ways:

- **Replacing all the dining hall furniture**
- **Purchasing Virtual Reality Headsets to improve the learning experience of children in lessons**
- **New books for the School Library**
- **Violins**
- **Paying for the Year 6 Leavers' party and leaving presents (personalised sweatshirts and dictionary)**
- **Easter eggs for every child during the Easter Egg hunt**
- **New sheds for the school**
- **Christmas Crackers for all the children at their special Christmas lunch**

Friends of Monksmead Parent's Association will be having a meeting to discuss how to spend the funds raised at the *Winter Fayre* and to plan for new projects in January 2018, please look out for the posters advertising the meeting if you would like to come and get involved.

Thank you once again for all your support this year

Angela Hill  
Chair of Friends of Monksmead

## Friends of Monksmead Parents' Association Committee Members

**Angela Hill - Chair:** I am a full-time parent to a daughter in **Reception** and a son in **Year 3**. My professional experience is varied and is in: Marketing, developing business services (commercial & non-profit sectors) and in Quality Assurance (ensuring businesses are running effectively and safely). I have been the Chair of the PTA for the last 2 years and have enjoyed being part of a like minded network of parents that all share a common goal of improving the school for our children. It is very rewarding running events that the children have fun at whilst raising funds to enrich their learning environment.

**Jemini Prajapati - Vice Chair:** I moved to Borehamwood nearly 8 years ago and enjoy being part of the local community. I have a daughter in **Year 2** and a son in **Reception** and they both love coming to school. I work part time as a Senior HR Officer for a charity and enjoy helping out Friends of Monksmead in my spare time. My main motivation for being part of events and fundraising is to enrich our children's time at Monksmead School.

**Sophie Greenaway - Secretary:** I am mother to a son in Reception and also work part time from home helping to run our family Building firm. My Son has attended Monksmead from the age of 2 years 4 months, initially joining Acorns when it first opened, moving on to Little Oaks then Nursery before being offered a place in **Reception**. I joined the PTA initially as a helper at some of the bigger events but soon found myself nominated and elected as Secretary. I joined the PTA for two main reasons, firstly to become part of the amazing community within the school and secondly to help raise as many funds as possible to make my son's and his peers' time at Monksmead as enriching as possible. The PTA does a wonderful job of organising and running numerous events for both the children and the parents of Monksmead and I am really happy to be a part of it.

**Jamie Shah- Treasurer:** I am a native of Canada, and after stops in Japan, Indonesia, and Singapore, I finally settled in Borehamwood with my husband and three-year-old daughter Ameline. I am grateful for the opportunity to join such a diverse and welcoming school community, and to be a part of its growth. Having previous experience as a business owner and President of a non-profit organisation, I look forward to assisting the Friends of Monksmead to my full capacity.

**Chrissy Lamprell- Corporate Sponsorship:** I am a single parent to a **Year 4** child. I work for the Metropolitan Police service and have done for over 10 years. I joined the PTA just as a helper last year as I wanted to become more involved in the school community. This year I decided to take that a step further and become a committee member so I could have a bigger impact in helping with the wider range of money-raising events that benefit our children. I want to help make our school the best in the area not just for the education our children receive but also the overall experience and opportunities they are given.

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Our children are only at school for a relatively short time. PTA events such as discos and of course the Winter and Summer Fayres will be remembered fondly by our children for a lifetime. The equipment and resources which the PTA help to fund make learning even more engaging.

Help us continue to create lasting memories for our children. Please leave your details with the school office if you would like to help!

Thank you once again for all your support!

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