

# Friends of Helmsley School Newsletter

July 2018

## Fantastic Fundraising

### Welcome to the first edition of the Friends of Helmsley School (FOHS) Newsletter!

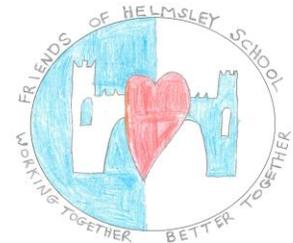
We would like to take this opportunity to thank the previous Home and School Committee for their tireless fundraising over the past few years. Also, to you, the parents and carer's of Helmsley School students for continuously supporting events. In December 2017, we inherited a healthy £10,366 which was a fantastic achievement following their successful Halloween Disco.

The new committee have decided that it would be beneficial to the school and students to attempt to raise funds towards three specific elements of school life each year: *'memorable moments'*; *'learning resources'*; and *'the school premises'*.

This year you have generously supported our half termly events which included our Beetle Drive, Chocolate Bingo Night, Sports Day Refreshments and the Summer Fair. Many of you also participated in the raffle at our 'thank you' events including our inaugural 'Mother's Day Afternoon Tea' and the 'Father's Day Breakfast'. In total we raised a further £2,626.10 this year.

This has meant we were able to support the refurbishment of the EYFS outdoor area including the all-weather hard-standing, sand / mud pits, fencing and animal shelter, alongside the Year 6 Leaver's Hoodies (*memorable moment*) totaling £5,872. We have also donated £1,500 towards the school-wide Mathematics Scheme and the 'Talk-for-Writing' English Schemes (*learning resources*). Finally, we were able to provide £650 for new chairs across KS2 (*school premises*) – making lessons much more comfortable! This leaves us with a healthy balance of £4,970.10 for the next academic year.

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## New FOHS Logo

Competition Winners

Over the May half-term, the FOHS ran a competition for children to design a new logo specifically to be used by the FOHS. We were pleased to receive over twenty designs by students across all key stages of the school.

After much deliberation (*as all entries were fantastic*) we managed to whittle it down to 4 finalists who all received a goodie-bag in assembly for their efforts. It was too hard to choose between the final two, so they have been amalgamated!

Over the summer period we shall get the graphic digitalised in terms of colour etc.

Well done Reggie Rooke and Nyima Willis!

# Intentions

## 2018-2019 academic year

It is hoped that the FOHS can continue to raise funds with your support in the next academic year to ensure that the school has the best possible resources enabling students to enjoy their time at Helmsley Community Primary School.

In terms of the 3 specific elements of school life for the next year, we are hoping to raise sufficient funds to pay for:

1. Tickets to the York Pantomime for every student in the school from EYFS to Year 6 (*memorable moment*);
2. Tablets (ideally 4) to be used across each key stage to aid teaching and learning and capturing of information (*learning resources*); and,
3. A donation towards the making and installation of new blinds and curtains in the school hall to help ensure it continues to be fit for purpose for all school activities (*school premises*).

We will let you know how we propose to fund raise for this at the start of the next academic term.

Have a great summer!

*The Friends of Helmsley School*

## Some highlights of our fundraising year



## Next Meeting

Friday 14th September, 9am  
in the school staffroom

***The existing committee are all volunteers and welcome new members to any meeting. Come along for a chat and refreshments and meet us soon!***



