



# Friends of Hollywater School Annual Report and Accounts 2023-2024

## Introduction from the Chair

This is the end of our first year as a society and a registered charity. Our committee has been small, but we have done our best to set up 'Friends of Hollywater School' as a society that can run into the future and become a successful fundraiser for the school.

My sincere thanks go to Sumi, Becky and Sarah for their advice, hard work and support this year. I wish the new committee very well for the future and hope that the coming year is successful and exciting for all.

## Events in 2023-2024

In October we arranged a working party to assist with the gardening and grounds maintenance that was in great need of work. A small group of volunteers worked very hard one Saturday and we saw some big improvements to the garden area around the astro outside the secondary classrooms. A very big thank you to those who helped us on this day, including two gentlemen from the local community who had no links with the school.

We trialled a Christmas event in early December - the Elfridges market, tried and tested in many schools - but found that this format did not work for our community. It did however, raise a fantastic £876, so a massive thanks to all who supported us, both by buying tickets and helping out on the day.

**No Effort Fundraising** - the following initiatives bring in great money for the school and yet require minimal effort:

**Easyfundraising** - This is such a successful ongoing source of funds, raising money via everyone's online shopping. This year it has brought in £275.

Thank you so much to everyone who is using Easyfundraising to support us. If you haven't signed up already, you can access our cause page here and build up funds for Friends of Hollywater School at no extra cost to you, whenever you shop online:

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friends-of-hollywater-school/>

**Your School Lottery** - A fun way to raise money, with tickets costing only £1 and a weekly jackpot prize of £25,000. This year we have raised £164.

If you would like to join in the lottery game, here is a link to our cause page:

[https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/friends-of-hollywater-school?utm\\_campaign=cause-page-social-share&utm\\_source=cause-page&utm\\_medium=social&utm\\_content=Hyperlink](https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/friends-of-hollywater-school?utm_campaign=cause-page-social-share&utm_source=cause-page&utm_medium=social&utm_content=Hyperlink)

**Recycling** - although textile recycling has come under recent financial pressures globally, we are now receiving 30p per kilo for your unwanted textiles. So please continue to drop your bags of old clothing and linens into the Astra Recycling bin in the car park. If needed, ask your bus escort if they would be happy to drop a bag into the bin for you. This recycling initiative has raised £224 this year.

## Future Plans



**FRIENDS OF HOLLYWATER SCHOOL** & **THE SOUTHSEA OT**  
supporting you to live your best life

present  
**Sensory Solutions**  
*Christmas Special*

**A Workshop for Parents and Carers**  
of children who find the festive season overwhelming due to sensory and other additional needs.

**Workshop Highlights:**  
Learn to view Christmas time through a sensory lens  
Learn strategies to prepare for a peaceful Christmas

Tuesday 12th November 2024 10-12:30pm  
St Peter's Church Hall, Petersfield (GU32 3HX)  
Early Bird Tickets £20

Email [friends@hollywater.hants.sch.uk](mailto:friends@hollywater.hants.sch.uk) to book your place

\*Early Bird tickets available until 12th October. Standard price £30.

## Sensory Solutions for Christmas

The Friends of Hollywater School are working in collaboration with The Southsea OT to offer a training session that will equip parents and carers with strategies to make the festive period as stress free as possible this year.

The Southsea OT will be leading a training morning on Tuesday 12th November in Petersfield, focussing on the sensory challenges that our children face over the busy Christmas period.

You can book your place on the course by emailing [friends@hollywater.hants.sch.uk](mailto:friends@hollywater.hants.sch.uk)

You can find out more about The Southsea OT at their website: <https://www.thesouthseot.co.uk/>

## Christmas Cards and Gifts

The Friends of Hollywater School are excited to be working with Cauliflower Cards - a Bordon based company - to create personalised Christmas cards and gifts for you to send to your friends and family. All the information you need will be sent home via class teachers.

## Future Spending

After discussions with the headteacher, we intend to donate £1000 towards equipment to be used in the brand new sensory room. This facility will be used by all students in the school at some time and so all our children will benefit from the funds we have raised.

## **The 2023-2024 FoHS Team**

This year, the Chair is standing down, a new Chair has been elected and we are delighted to welcome some new members to the committee who have children in classes in the younger age groups. We are so happy that they will be able to support the remaining team and help make the committee more representative of the whole school.

Our 2023-2024 team were:

- Chair, acting Secretary & charity trustee: Clare Hutchinson, outgoing at this AGM
- Treasurer & charity trustee: Becky Jones
- Fundraising Officer & charity trustee: Sumi Olson
- Committee member: Sarah Reekie

Our new Committee Team for 2024-2025 are:

- Chair & charity trustee: Sumi Olson
- Treasurer & charity trustee: Becky Jones
- Committee member: Sarah Reekie
- Committee member: Leanne Carrington
- Committee member: Kerry O'Brien
- Committee member: Gemma Hoey

We are also very grateful to Molly Burchell for agreeing to become a new charity trustee.

## Accounts

Balance Sheet for FRIENDS OF HOLLYWATER SCHOOL			
For Period: 31/08/2024			
<b>FIXED ASSETS:</b>			
Total Fixed Assets:			0.00
<b>CURRENT ASSETS:</b>			
	Cash in Bank		1,393.43
Total Current Assets:			1,393.43
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES:</b>			
Total Current Liability:			0.00
Current Assets less Current Liabilities:			1,393.43
Net Assets			1,393.43
<b>FUNDS</b>			
	Accumulated funds from prior year		10.00
	Unrestricted funds		1,383.43
Total Funds			1,393.43

Income and Expenditure Report for FRIENDS OF HOLLYWATER SCHOOL			
For Period: 01/10/2023 to 27/09/2024			
<b>INCOME</b>			
	Donations Received		210.00
	School Lottery Proceeds		164.80
	Easy Fundraising		275.32
	Astra Textiles		224.00
	Xmas Market Proceeds		876.46
Total Income:			1,750.58
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>			
	General Purchases		-101.00
	Purchases for Xmas Fayre		-113.15
	Subscriptions		-153.00
Total Expenditure:			-367.15
<b>SURPLUS</b>			1383.43

