



HANDSWORTH NEWS

**BRANCHING OUT, GROWING TALL
HAND IN HAND, ONE AND ALL**



Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

This week, I had the pleasure of taking part in Forest School with our Year 1 children. What a treat it was! Ms Walter and Dale's enthusiasm was an inspiration, lots of laughing and learning. It was lovely to get to know the children and share this experience with them.

We shared the children's version of our priorities in assembly this week, they were able to discuss ways in which we can focus on our priorities and how we can make sure they remain at the centre of our school improvement. There's nothing like having the children involved in ensuring we are the best we can be!

Congratulations to the children in Reception and Nursery who have settled in well to school life, by the end of next week all Nursery children will be in full time. Early years and Year 1 have asked if we can help them by bringing in cereal boxes/ junk material for the children to use when creating their wonderful sculptures. They also require spare clothes for changing children into if need be.

Please remember we are always looking for reading mentors to come in to school and read with the children. This could just be for an hour a week. It is guaranteed to make you smile! Please contact the office if you are interested.

The next FOH AGM will be held on 11th October at 9am. Please try to attend this meeting, it may just be a case of you being there to allow for required attendance to proceed with electing of roles. There is more information on the next page of this newsletter. You will see photographs of the children listening to a story teller who visited our school yesterday. Children were so excited and enthused by this experience. This opportunity was available due to the money raised by FOH. We really appreciate all you do.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for giving me such a wonderful welcome to Handsworth, the school has a lovely family feel and strong community spirit. The children and staff here are delightful and I am thoroughly looking forward to the future.

I wish you all a lovely weekend,

Mrs Nairne



Forest School



Dear parents and carers,



FOH attempted to hold their Annual General Meeting last Friday morning but the numbers in attendance fell short of reaching quorum, therefore it was not able to proceed. The AGM was first announced on 10 July 2019 so that there was ample time for people to make arrangements to attend. As a result of the low attendance, FOH must hold another AGM in hopes of reaching the required attendance to proceed with electing of roles and financial review.

The new AGM will be held on **11th October 2019**, 9am in the school hall (note that there is a legal requirement that 21 days' notice must be given).

Unfortunately, if parents are unable or unwilling to volunteer for the roles required, FOH will cease operating. As parents of the school, we know that our children benefit from the extra funds FOH is able to provide. In times of financial strain, the role of FOH grows in importance and urgency. Please plan to attend the AGM, stand for a role as Chair, Vice-Chair, Treasurer or Secretary, committee member or event lead. We simply cannot do this without you.

Description of leadership roles:

- **CHAIR** - Prepares and directs meetings, delegates tasks to other members and volunteers, liaises with the school, deals with funding requests, can be a signatory on the PTA bank account, makes sure the association is GDPR compliant, ensures the committee fulfils its role in respect of governance of the association as set out in the constitution, for example holding an AGM, election of committee, etc.
- **VICE CHAIR** – supports the Chair with all of the above.
- **TREASURER** - Keeps up to date and accurate financial records, presents financial updates at each committee meeting, manages the PTA bank account, ensures best practice procedures for counting and banking money after events are in place and followed, makes approved payments, prepares annual treasurers report for AGM, completes the Charity Commission annual return, etc.
- **SECRETARY** - supports the Chair to build effective communication links between the school and the association, maintains accurate records, prepares for meetings (with the Chair), takes minutes at meetings and circulates them, updates trustee details with Charity Commission, handles written and email correspondence.

For any questions, offers of help or suggestions please contact us at foh@handsworthprimary.org.uk

Kindest regards,

Friends of Handsworth

Sara Dudley-Hart

(FOH Chair)

Registered Charity Number 1175489



THIS SCHOOL IS
NUT FREE



THANK YOU
for keeping our school safe!

Please remember we are a nut free school.

Please check ingredients and be aware of what we are bringing in to school.

Please **DO NOT** bring in chocolates that may contain nuts.

Thank you





"The story teller was amazing, he told funny stories and he did movements which made the stories more interesting. They were new stories and he told stories to all the children in the school. He brought the words to life and I will remember it forever!"

"It was so much fun and really interesting, I found his stories really funny too"

