



**Working Together**  
*Registered Charity No 1072076*

September 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to a new academic year, and to another year of community events to raise much-needed funds for Highbury and Whitehill Schools. For those of you who have just joined our school, we would like to warmly welcome you!

Our ethos is to offer families fun-filled events and activities which will enable our schools to purchase items and provide additional opportunities for all pupils. The financial situation in schools everywhere is becoming more difficult so the donations made thanks to your fundraising are essential to ensure our children have the best possible primary education.

The best way to keep up to date with what is going on is to follow and like our Facebook page "The Friends of Whitehill & Highbury Schools"

Please also feel free to follow us on Twitter and Instagram: @fowhs1 & pta\_whitehill\_highbury\_school

**WHO ARE WE?**

The Friends of Whitehill and Highbury School (FOWHS) is a committee run by parents who have children at the schools. This academic year, our core committee is:

Co-chair	Co- chair	Treasurer
Lucy Smith	Katie Halpin	Sarah Flain

At the end of the last year, we said goodbye to co-chair Alex Blore and treasurer Alison Gee. They were invaluable to our successes over the past few years and will be greatly missed.

As a parent or carer of a child at either school, you are automatically a member of our wider committee. We welcome any new ideas, suggestions and of course help running our events! Please feel free to get in touch if you would like to get involved or have any queries.

## **WHAT DID WE ACHIEVE LAST YEAR?**

Come and join us at our AGM on **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2019 at 2pm** in the Highbury school hall and find out just how much we have raised for our schools in the last school year. Mrs Avey and Mr Mills will be in attendance and everyone is welcome to come along (including children, toys will be available!) Tea, coffee and biscuits will also be provided.

If you have any questions which you would like raised at the AGM, you can contact us via our usual email address: [highburyandwhitehillpta@yahoo.com](mailto:highburyandwhitehillpta@yahoo.com)

## **NEW PARENT INFORMATION**

In the coming weeks, we will be opening the ticket sales for various events (e.g. school discos) which will be held over the next few months. We use [www.classlist.com](http://www.classlist.com) to sell our tickets, as it has proved quick and effective to use in the past. (There is a mobile app too.)

We therefore ask anyone new to either school community, to sign up to this service by **30<sup>th</sup> September 2019**, before any tickets are released, as we will need to approve your registration beforehand. If you have already registered in previous years, you will **not** need to re-apply.

## **DIARY DATES FOR AUTUMN TERM 2019**

More information will be sent out for each event in due course.

Event	Date/time	Location
AGM	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> September, 2pm	Highbury School Hall
Christmas Card Project	Deadline for designs to be returned: Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	Both Schools
Whitehill Disco	Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> November Lower School – 6:15pm – 7:30pm Upper School: 7:45pm – 9:00pm	Whitehill Junior School
Highbury Disco	Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> November 2019 6:15pm – 7:30pm	Highbury Infant School (Reception – Year 2 ONLY)
Bag2School Collection	Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> November 2019	Drop off at Both schools
Wreath Making Evening (adults only!)	Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> November 2019 7:30pm start	Highbury School Hall
Christmas Fair	Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup> November 2019 11:00am – 2:30pm	Highbury Infant School

Thank you for your ongoing support and we look forward to another successful year!

Yours Sincerely,

**The Friends of Whitehill & Highbury Schools**