

END OF YEAR

FRIENDS OF HOLMEWOOD

NEWS

Events & Activities

This year FOH have hosted the following events:

New Parents' Drinks & Coffee morning



Fireworks

Christmas Fair



Easter Activities & Trails



Quiz Night

Bauble Competition



An Evening with Friends



We are delighted to announce that the
Family Fun Festival raised a profit of **£4,000**



School Funding

Many thanks for your generosity over the year which has enabled us to fund the following items for the children which have been enjoyed by all, including the staff:

Mosaic 5 day workshop (£3,500)

Books for Junior library (£905)

Outlast **wooden blocks** set (£1,194)

6 x VTech KidiZoom Duo **Cameras** (£240)

Set of 6 Easi-Ears **Headphones** (£479)

4 pk Rugged Racers Remote Control **Cars** & (£156) 4 pk Remote Control Easi-Cars (£150)

Water channeling **wonder wall** & accessories (£215)

Shelter for the climbing club (£280)

Shooting jackets and slings (£745)

Apiary (£300)

PA system for gymnastics (£2,000 contribution to costs)

Total: £10,164



School Funding

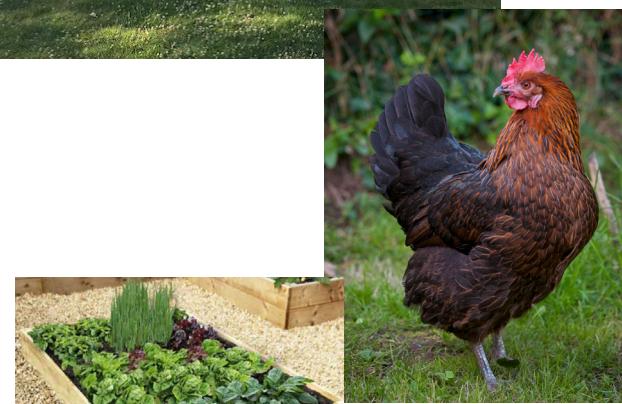
Walled Garden £4,800

We are delighted to announce that we are also able to invest in the development of the walled garden over the summer. On your return in September we hope to have **allotments, a polytunnel, chickens and rabbits** in place for all to enjoy.

The animals will be self contained in Omlet Eglus meaning they can be moved to the nursery or reception sites so that all the children will be able to experience looking after them or just have a chat!

The children will also be involved in managing the allotments either as part of a year group or a subject session and this will become part of their regular curriculum.

Our thanks to Mrs Spoor for co-ordinating the management of this which we are sure will be a fabulous asset to the school.



Charity of the Year

Dandelion Time

It's time to say goodbye to Dandelion Time, the charity the parent and staff body voted for 2 years ago. We have had a fantastic partnership with them over this time including Year 8 visiting their farm and learning about their work which was a fabulous opportunity. In this time you have raised **£12,500** which will go a long way to helping them further develop their support for children and families suffering from trauma and abuse.



FOH Committee Goodbye!



Su Xavier, FOH Chair 2015-18

It has been another busy year and thank you for all your support at the events which have been greatly enjoyed and generated significant funds for both school and charity.

Many of us on the committee have served for several years and have now decided, myself included, to step down next year. It has been a great experience and we have had a lot of laughs on the way.

Nominations for new members

including Chair, Treasurer and Secretary can be made using the attached form. Please send these to friends@holmewoodhouse.co.uk by 5 September in time for our AGM.

We welcome all nominations, not just for officer posts, even if you haven't been involved with FOH much so far. We are always keen to encourage parents from all year groups (especially dads!) to make sure we have good representation across the school.



The FOH Charity for 2018-19 was voted for again from a long list of over 20 local nominations. The shortlist of four was put to the parent and staff for final selection and we are pleased to say that we will be partnering with **Holding on Letting Go** in the coming year. The charity aims to help bereaved children and their families deal with the pain, anger and grief caused by death whilst holding on to their precious memories. The charity operates in Kent and Medway.

AGM

You are invited to join us for our **Annual General Meeting on Monday 10 September 2018** at 8.30am in the Boardroom. The meeting will not last more than 30 minutes. This is a great opportunity to review our achievements over the past year and influence the planning for the coming year. Your ideas and suggestions are always much appreciated. Come and vote for your new committee and maybe even find some ways you might get involved yourself!