



Friends of  
Harpenden Academy

The Parent Teacher Association (PTA) for Harpenden Academy

# 2020-21 EVENTS RECAP

## HARVEST FESTIVAL

We assisted with ensuring that our school continued to support the King's Pantry with donations offering a COVID-secure Harvest Festival collection.

## PUMPKIN TRAIL

We successfully created a way for Harpenden children to celebrate Halloween. Children located pumpkins along a trail and once all were found returned to HA to receive a bag of treats!



## CHRISTMAS CARDS & CHRISTMAS TREE SALES

Along with Kathryn Jackson, we helped organise this year's Christmas Card sale. Thanks to Geraldine Archbald-Shore for leading this effort. We were also very pleased to offer Christmas Trees to the local community. The sales from it raised the most funds of all of our events. Special thanks to the Christmas Tree Crew spearheaded by Susan Leggott.

## JINGLE BELL WALK

This year COVID guidelines prevented kids from visiting Santa so we created an event that captured the holiday spirit. Children walked the trail to complete a special word then returned to our Grotto to receive a gift from Santa.



## TAKEAWAY MAGIC SHOW

Thanks to HA's own magician, Gareth Kalyan, and the organisational skills of Katharine Haines we provided a virtual magic show that was fun for the entire family!

## IT'S JUST NOT FUNNY ANYMORE

To lighten the mood and provide a way to celebrate Mother's Day, we hosted a virtual Comedy Show offering food & drinks from two local businesses, Silver Palate & Suckerpunch!



## EASTER EGG TRAIL & ART COMPETITION

COVID restrictions provided some barriers to our annual Easter event; however, the committee led by Paul Molloy, persevered! We offered an Easter Egg Trail with a brilliant quiz, golden eggs & of course, the Easter Bunny! Thanks to your support the event was a huge success and raised significant funds for the school. We can't wait to come back bigger - and hopefully less socially distanced - next year!



# FOHA YEAR IN REVIEW

It has been an incredibly challenging year but we are proud of the opportunities we were able to find to bring the school and wider community together and the support you have given us in raising precious funds for our school.

As a result of your generous contributions of both time and money, we have been able to make some significant purchases (listed below), which will enrich our children's experiences for years to come. THANK YOU!

The financial challenges facing our school, as is true across the education field, continue to grow. That makes FoHA's work, and your support, ever more important. We welcome you to join our ranks with whatever time & skills you have to spare - we promise it won't be overburdening to you!

We are so proud of our school's unique community spirit and our ability to support one another through the most challenging times. It is a strength built from every individual act of kindness, compassion and generosity that you have shown. Thank you and have a wonderful summer!

- **Playground equipment** - basketball, foam rugby balls, coloured playground chalk, dominoes for each class & water tray
- **New Netball Posts & Nets**
- **Welcome Gifts for New Ladybirds**
- **Welcome back balloons & treats**



## NEW ICT SUITE



**EMPIRIBOX**  
Primary School Science



**Bug Club**

**THANKS FOR A GREAT YEAR!**

# F.O.H.A. Summer PICNICS

Join us this summer for a meet up in a park near you!

Weds 21st July - Slip End Park

Tues 3rd Aug - Rothamsted Park

Thurs 26th Aug - Redbourn Common

Thurs 29th July - Batford

Tues 18th Aug - Stockwood

Fri 3rd Sept - Harpenden Common

\*There will be a FoHA member(s) present to welcome you from 11am - 1pm!\*

Looking for a good read for your little ones? Check out the below books recommended for you by us!

## FOHA SUMMER READING LIST

### RECEPTION

*The Squirrels Who Squabbled* by Rachel Bright  
*Bears Don't Eat Egg Sandwiches* by Julie Fulton  
*How Many Legs?* by Kes Gray  
*Shark in the Park* by Nick Sharratt

### YEAR 1

*That Rabbit Belongs to Emily Brown* by Cressida Cowell  
*The Lion Inside* by Rachel Bright  
*What to do if an Elephant Stands on your Foot* by Michelle Robinson  
*Hairy Maclary from Donaldson's Dairy* by Lynley Dodd

### YEAR 2

*Inside the Villains* by Clotilde Perrin  
*The Adventures of Captain Underpants* by Dav Pilkey  
*Fungus the Bogeyman* by Raymond Briggs  
*The Dunderheads* by Paul Fleischman

### YEAR 3

*Where the Wild Things Are* by Maurice Sendak  
*The World According to Humphrey* by Betty Birney  
*Fantastic Mr Fox* by Roald Dahl  
*The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark* by Jill Tomlinson

### YEAR 4

*The 13-Storey Treehouse* by Andy Griffiths  
*Cliffhanger* by Jacqueline Wilson  
*The Ickabog* by J. K. Rowling  
*Billionaire Boy* by David Walliams

### YEAR 5

*Boy in the Tower* by Polly Ho-Yen  
*The Butterfly Lion* by Michael Morpurgo  
*The Demon Headmaster* by Gillian Cross  
*The Secret of Nightingale Wood* by Lucy Strange

### YEAR 6

*The Boy at the Back of the Class* by Onjali Rauf  
*Granny* by Anthony Horowitz  
*A Boy Called Hope* by Lara Williamson  
*Goodnight Mister Tom* by Michelle Magorian



## FOHA CORE COMMITTEE

Jackie Clode-Dickens  
Shavalyea Gilbert  
**CO-CHAIRS**

Emma Hawke  
**TREASURER**  
Aubrey Caufield  
**SUB-TREASURER**

Rebecca Cracknell  
**SECRETARY**  
Kirsty Hollywood  
**SUB-SECRETARY**

Katharine Haines,  
Becci Madole & Paul Molloy  
**EVENT CO-CHAIRS**

## 2020-21 CLASS REPS

Helen Camfield &  
Sophia Tomlinson  
**RECEPTION: LADYBIRDS**

Amy Hambridge &  
Jess McGinty  
**YEAR 1: ELMER**

Alison Sharma  
**YEAR 2: MOOMIN**

Joanna Deegan &  
Claire Price  
**YEAR 3: POTTER**

Dhanmita Boodhna &  
Ruth Penfold  
**YEAR 3/4: KERR**

Andrea Khan  
**YEAR 4/5: DR SEUSS**

Sara Elderton &  
Gemma Hedingham  
**YEAR 5: DAHL**

Lisa Alway &  
Lucy Horsley  
**YEAR 6: SHAKESPEARE**