



Friends of  
Harpenden Academy

The Parent Teacher Association (PTA) for Harpenden Academy

Welcome to our quarterly newsletter! The purpose of this communication is to share FoHA updates & news. We hope that each parent/carer/staff member who reads it will find it useful and informative. We are aware that things are *slightly* different this year; however, we are committed to continuing our support of the school through fundraising and organising events to keep our school community connected socially.

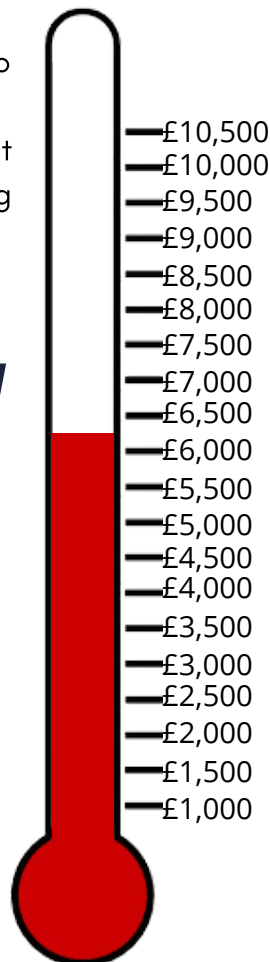
## 2020-21 FUNDRAISING PRIORITIES

At the start of this academic year, Jackie & Shavalyea met with Mrs Davies to discuss what we'd be raising money for this year. In addition to our annual funding of Empiribox, which helps teachers do practical science experiments with the children, we will be raising funds for the below:

- £10K for Elmer Class Garden Renovation - helps to expand children's play-based learning
- £6K for an ICT Suite - a room with computers that will enhance the pupils familiarity & learning using technology
- New books for the library

## AUTUMN TERM REVIEW

- Raised approximately £1.5K with our newest events - Harpenden Pumpkin Trail & Jingle Bell Walk
- Christmas Tree Sales raised £4500 for FoHA & £2700 for partnering schools
- Christmas Cards & Gifts added about £400
- The new ICT Suite with computers purchased by FoHA should be open by the end of Spring Term (COVID-dependent)
- All positions within the FoHA Core Committee & Class Reps are filled!



## 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**

# UPCOMING EVENTS

FoHA is committed to offering virtual events that support our local hospitality industry, independent businesses & our community.

**TAKEAWAY MAGIC** .co.uk presents

**A FULLY INTERACTIVE MIND-READING & MAGIC SHOW**

**IF YOU THINK IT, HE KNOWS IT!**

Win a £50 takeaway dinner voucher

Games and Challenges for the whole family

Lots of laughs!!

**MIND BLOWING FINALE!!!**

**SATURDAY 20TH FEB 4PM** BUY YOUR TICKETS NOW! ONLY £10 PER SCREEN

LIVE VIA ZOOM

PURCHASE TICKETS AT:

<https://www.foha.co.uk/fohashop/p/magicshow>

AT-HOME MOTHER'S DAY CELEBRATION

*save the date*

**SATURDAY 13TH MARCH AT 9PM**  
MORE DETAILS TBA...

◆ COMEDY ◆ COCKTAILS ◆ DINNER ◆

*Thank You!*

Autumn Term Volunteers & Organisers!

## FOHA SPOTLIGHT: GARETH KALYAN

Harpenden Academy's 'Takeaway Magician' & Dad to George & Henry (Years 3 & 6)

### TELL US A LITTLE BIT ABOUT YOURSELF.

"I'm a professional magician and father to 3 incredible kids. I love DIY and repairing things, and have more interest in quantum physics than any "normal" person should. When I'm not performing, I like to read, anything factual, like books on psychology and neuroscience, basically I'm a huge nerd and absolutely love learning new things!"

### BEST PLACE TO EAT LOCALLY?

I love Harpenden for quick bites, like the little deli trucks opposite Boots, but my favourite place to go is a little hidden gem near Stopsley called The Old Skool Pantry - they do a few delicious vegan options but as a treat, I'll happily devour a stack of pancakes"

### FAVOURITE HOLIDAY DESTINATION?

"I've travelled all across America, mostly enjoying the food, but I'd have to say that my favourite place so far has been Thailand. It's such an incredible country, the beautiful landscape is matched equally by the people and indeed, the food!"

### WHAT ARE YOU MOST LOOKING FORWARD TO ONCE WE'RE POST-PANDEMIC?

"I do miss performing to people face to face, but the thing I'm most looking forward to is being able to socialise with my friends and family, and to be able to hug people!"

