

Old Heath School Association

NEWSLETTER (Issue 3)

About OHSO

The OHSO is the PTA for Old Heath Community Primary School and organises and runs fund raising and social activities that enrich the school experience for all our children, and also for the parents that get involved.

Why do schools have a PTA?

- Raise money
 - Bring together parents and teachers
 - Support the school
 - Support parental involvement/engagement
 - Link/partner with the local community
 - Raise the school's profile
 - Make a difference
- and
- *It's fun!*

Having a child at the school means you are automatically a member of the OHSO and you don't need to be on the committee to attend meetings, or help run events. Everyone is welcome, and any help greatly appreciated. If you would like to get involved, **please** email the OHSO Secretary at oldheathschoolassociation@gmail.com

OHSO Committee

Chair:	Meloria Saunders
Deputy Chair:	Jo Clark
Secretary:	Caroline Pitt
Treasurer:	David Moye

Easter Egg Hunt (7th April)

120 Children took part in the annual Easter Egg Hunt this year. All had a great time hunting for the coloured sticks on the school field and enjoyed the competitions and refreshments that were also available.



Volunteers were a little short in numbers on the day so a big thank you to those who were able to help make this event another success.

A total of £207.06 was raised.

Congratulations to all who took part in the Easter Hat competition. There were some really imaginative and creative hats as usual. All who took part were presented with a small bar of chocolate. Winners in each class were announced during the school assembly.



Saturday 25th June
Summer Fete

Watch out for more details of these and other events on our Website, Facebook Page, Newsletter and Posters around the school.

Summer Fete – 25th June (1pm to 4pm)



OHSO Grand Raffle - If you, or a business you know, would be willing to donate items, services or treats for the OHSO Raffle, please let us know.

Tug of War – Dads still needed to make up teams!

Volunteers – Helpers are still needed to set up and/or run stalls on the day.

Plastic Tubs – The collection of empty plastic tubs continues (Margarine/Ice Cream etc) to use on the stalls.

Special Skills – Calling all Magicians/Balloon Modellers etc to help make the day fun for the children and help raise money.

Wanted – Any unwanted Toys, Books, Gifts etc for us to sell on the stalls.

Plant Stall – Please think of us if you have too many plants for your garden.

This is fast approaching and plans are well under way to make this bigger and better than before.

We will again be having swings along with the bouncy castle. We also have displays taking place in the arena and are very pleased to announce that we will have Birds of Prey visiting us. There will be many stalls to keep you entertained during the afternoon.



If anyone is sowing seeds or taking cuttings in their garden this spring please will you keep us in mind. We would love to have a plant stall this year and would be grateful to receive any help.

We would also like to have a Book Stall this year so donations for this are also welcome.

As you Spring Clean your home remember us - don't throw that unwanted Christmas or Birthday gift away - if it's unused then we will have it!

Current Funding Projects

- **Sand Pit & Cover**
- **World Map printed on the Playground**
- **External Classroom**

No further information is available to report at the moment with these projects. Further details will be reported in future newsletters, on the website and Facebook page as it is known.

Fundraising

Do you have any ideas that put the "Fun" in Fundraising? If so, we would be delighted to hear about them. Contact the OHSA Secretary, or why not pop along to the next OHSA Meetings.

Employer Match Funding Schemes

Many companies provide Match Funding Schemes which are designed to encourage employees to carry out voluntary work in the community.

If you are a parent at the school please check to see if your company has a match funding scheme and get in touch with us if it does. Under most of these schemes you don't need to do a huge amount of work to receive the match funding and in many cases the match funding does as the name suggests and doubles the revenue from an event.

Below is a list of **some** of the companies that have schemes:

Abbey National plc
Alliance & Leicester plc
Argos plc
ASDA Group plc (Asda Foundation Trust)
Barclays Bank plc
Bradford and Bingley plc
British Telecommunications plc
Camelot Group plc
Firstgroup plc
Halifax plc
HSBC Midland plc
Legal and General Ins.
Marks & Spencer plc
National Westminster Bank plc
Norwich Union plc
Royal Bank of Scotland Group plc
Tesco plc (Tesco Charity Trust)
Waitrose



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Don't forget to click the "Like" button on the OHSA Facebook page to join our group and automatically receive OHSA news & event details!!

Ink Cartridge Recycling

Continue saving your empty ink/toner cartridges and raise money for the OHSA. A recycle bin is located in School and in the few weeks we have been collecting cartridges, the bin has already been filled!

Details of how much is raised from each bin that is collected will be published.

Bins are also available for Parents to have in their place of work - contact OHSA to arrange.

OHSA Receive:

£1 for every branded cartridge

50p for every remanufactured/refilled cartridge

75p for any original branded toner



For each £1 we raise the recycling company will award us a 'green point'. These points can then be redeemed for items like bird boxes, gardening equipment, bat boxes or even a hedgehog house.

OHSA Website

www.ohsa.co.uk

The OHSA Website is updated regularly so make sure you keep checking it for news, special events and fundraising projects /initiatives.

Any feedback on the Website is much appreciated.