

# Old Heath School Association

## NEWSLETTER (Issue 4)



### About OHS A

The OHS A 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 OHS A and you don't need to be on the committee to attend meetings, or help run events. If you would like to get involved, **please** email the OHS A Secretary at [oldheathschoolassociation@gmail.com](mailto:oldheathschoolassociation@gmail.com)

### OHS A Committee

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

### Annual General Meeting

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> September "MEET THE TEACHER"**

An OHS A representative will also be on hand to tell you about the work of the OHS A and about the forthcoming AGM.

### Annual General Meeting

**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> September - 6pm (School Hall)**

The AGM provides an opportunity for all parents to come along and hear in more detail about the work of the OHS A, the events we have run, the funds we have raised and how the money has been spent.

Even if you do not attend OHS A meetings throughout the year, all parents are welcome to attend the AGM.

It is also the occasion when we elect our new committee members. Nominations are now being accepted for the four committee positions (Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary or Treasurer). Please place the names and position of office, in a sealed envelope and leave them at the school office.

- **Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September**  
Old Heath Community Fun Day (Hythe Quayside)
- **Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> September**  
Annual General Meeting  
6.00pm – School Hall
- **Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October**  
Halloween Disco
- **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December**  
Christmas Bazaar
- **Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2012**  
Summer Fete



**Watch out for more details of these and other events on our [Website](#), [Facebook Page](#), [Newsletter](#) and [Posters](#) around the school.**

### 2011 Summer Fete (25<sup>th</sup> June)



A huge thank you to everyone who supported the annual OHS A Summer Fete. It was a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon and the most successful OHS A fete on record. A total of **£2,184.92** was raised towards the proposed Outdoor Classroom project.



### Current Funding Projects

#### • Outdoor Classroom

Following the success of the Summer Fete, quotes are now being obtained for the Outdoor Classroom. More information will be announced as it becomes available.

#### • Playground Map

A quote has now been received for the World Map for the Playground.

An Olympic themed sponsored event is planned for September/October in aid of this project along with external funding sources also being investigated.



## Fundraising over the Summer Break

**Gift Aid** has now been approved by HMRC so that OHSA can claim gift aid on any cash donations or funds raised through sponsored events.

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If you are selling any unwanted items on eBay, you can donate between 10% and 100% of your final sale through [eBay for Charity](#).

**easyfundraising**  
.org.uk

Log in, find your usual on-line retailer and shop! You pay the same price. Watch the commission add up.



Search the web and raise money for charity



[www.everyclick.com](http://www.everyclick.com)

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 AGM on 27<sup>th</sup> September.

## Employer Match Funding Schemes

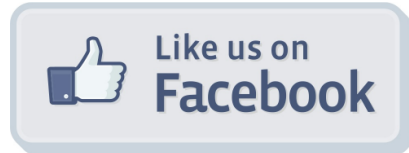
Many companies provide Match Funding Schemes which are designed to encourage employees to carry out voluntary work in the community.

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 Insurance / Marks & Spencer plc / National Westminster Bank plc / Norwich Union plc / Royal Bank of Scotland Group plc / Tesco plc (Tesco Charity Trust) / Waitrose



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

## Empties Please

Continue saving your empty ink/toner cartridges and raise money for the OHSA. A recycle bin will continue to be located in School so keep hold of them over the summer break ready for when school is back in September!

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](http://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.*



Welcome to the  
Old Heath School  
Association

The PTA for Old Heath Community Primary School



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The new [OHSA Welcome Booklet](#) for all parents is now available to view on our website.

It contains everything you want to know about the OHSA, and more!