



# Newsletter

March 2018

## Hello from Helping Hands!

This term seems to have gone so quickly!

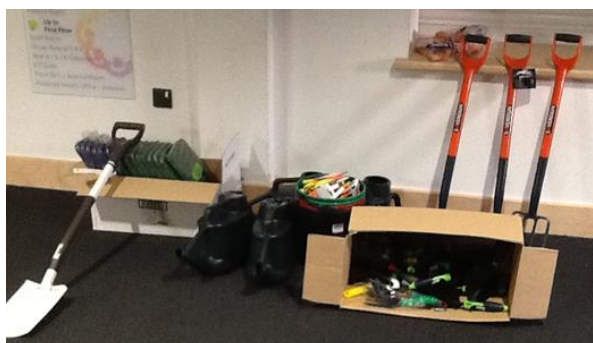
Helping Hands absolutely relies on the help of volunteers in order to organise and have events. Without enough volunteers, events such as the Summer Fair just won't happen! Schools are facing the harsh reality of budget cuts and our teachers work so hard to teach our children meaning that the need for support and help from parents is more important than ever. Read on to find out how you can help!

Hannah

Helping Hands Chair

## Gardening Equipment

With money raised we have been able to buy a class set of gardening equipment including hand tools, spades, watering cans and even gloves! We hope that Miss Pericleous, the Eco Committee and ALL the classes will enjoy growing flowers and vegetables to keep Garfield a colourful natural environment.



## Dates for your Diary

Friday 16<sup>th</sup>  
March  
9- 10am

**Helping Hands  
Committee Meeting –  
come and have a cup of  
tea to find out more!**  
Location: Community Room

**Look out for more information about other fundraising events!**

**Our meetings are open to all parents in the school and younger children are welcome too!**

## International Evening

A big thank you to Mrs Selvi (and many other staff!) for the time and energy put into organising the International Evening. It was a great event showcasing all the talents of the children and sharing some delicious food from our global Garfield community.

Money raised will be spent on resources to support children with English as an additional language. We would like to thank The India Grill and JRC global buffet in Wood Green for their generous donations of food which everyone enjoyed.



# Come and get involved with Helping Hands!

## Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March 9.00am – Helping Hands Meeting

We are hoping to make some plans and decisions for the Summer term and we need your help! We are really hoping to increase the number of regular volunteers who are prepared to take on some responsibilities for different jobs that need to be done. In order to work as an effective team it is essential that we have more people involved.

Without more help from more parents, we will find it difficult to keep putting on events such as the Summer Fair. We welcome fresh ideas and enthusiasm for getting things done.

It doesn't have to involve lots of your time, it doesn't have to be time during the school day, it doesn't have to be every week....

**Skills needed;** team work, creative ideas, talking to people

**Responsibilities include;** writing newsletters, running cake sales, talking to local businesses, talking to other parents, organising fundraising events, working with teachers, organising uniform sales

If you can't come to the meeting but are interested to find out more, please leave your details with the office or send us an email!



To get involved with Helping Hands, please come to a meeting, ask in the office or email:  
[helpinghandsgps@gmail.com](mailto:helpinghandsgps@gmail.com)

Please return this slip to the office

**I would like to get involved with Helping Hands!**

My name is \_\_\_\_\_

Child's name:

Class:

Contact number or email address: