



Newsletter

November 2017

Hello from Helping Hands!

Our big event this half term is the Christmas fair so we will be dusting off our Christmas trees, finding the glitter and calling Santa! We're looking forward to seeing you all there for a fun and festive afternoon!

Hannah

Helping Hands Chair

Helping Hands Committee

On Friday 13th October we held our Annual General Meeting. We discussed our successes of last year and plans for this year.

We formally elected our committee for this school year.

Hannah – Chair

Svetlana – Treasurer

Fiona – Secretary



Whilst there are only 3 committee members, we are a much bigger group that work together and are always very happy to welcome new faces.

Dates for your Diary

Friday 3 rd November 9- 10am	Christmas fair organising Location: Community Room
Tuesday 7 th , 14 th , 21 st & 28 th November 3.30-4.30pm	Face Painting Lessons with Mrs Ames
Friday 10 th November 9- 10am	Christmas fair organising Location: Community Room
Friday 17 th November 9- 10am	Christmas fair organising Location: Community Room
Friday 24 th November 9- 10am	Non Uniform day donations sorting Location: Community Room
Friday 1 st December 9-10am 1.30pm onwards	Christmas Fair organizing and setting up

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

Free face painting lessons!

Mrs Ames is kindly giving up her time to teach volunteers to do face painting. We will provide all the face paints and brushes, Mrs Ames will show you different techniques and designs – all you need is to bring yourself and a child to practice on! Places are limited and will be given on a first come first served basis. To guarantee your place we would ask that you attend all the sessions and are prepared to help at the Christmas Fair.

Sessions will be 3.30- 4.30 on Tuesday 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th November.

Please let the office know as soon as possible if you would like the opportunity to develop your creative skills!



Christmas Fair Friday 1st December



School Uniform

Please remember to name your children's uniform!!! Each half term we are helping the school to sort out the huge amounts of lost property and we have found that most of what is lost is unnamed. This means that it can't find its way back to its owner and you have to pay out for extra uniform.

Look out for our second hand uniform on sale during parents evening – 6th December

We are also collecting uniform that your children have grown out of. Please hand in any uniform you've finished with to the office.

Donations please!

Have you got any unwanted toiletries, gifts or brand new toys and games that we could use as prizes?

Do you work for a company who could offer a raffle prize?

On the non uniform day we will be collecting:
Boxes of chocolate, chocolate biscuits, bottles of wine, toys and books.

If you have any donations that we can use for the Christmas Fair, please bring them to the office.

We need your help!

To make the Christmas Fair as successful and enjoyable as possible we need parent volunteers. We are well supported by the staff team and Year 6 but the fair cannot run without your help!

Could you help set up a stall or decorate the hall from 1.30?

Could you run a stall?

Can you help clear up afterwards?

There are lots of exciting stalls already planned and you do not need to commit to organising anything before the day – unless of course you would like to!

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

I would like to help!

My name is _____ and I can!

Help with organising

Help set up a stall

Help clean up

Help run a stall

I would like to attend the face painting lessons

Child's name:

Class:

Contact number or email address:

Please return this slip to the office



Second-hand Uniform Shop

Helping Hands will be running regular uniform shops this year but if you need some in between our sales please ask in the office or email helpinghandsgps@gmail.com

We only sell good quality, clean uniform in a range of sizes.

Prices start from just 50p so come and grab yourself a bargain!



Don't forget! Name your uniform!

If you have any uniform that your children have grown out of, we would be pleased to add it to our shop. Please hand it in to the office.