

CHIPS Newsletter

Autumn Term 2018

Welcome!

Welcome to our Autumn Term Newsletter, and although it may seem a long time ago now, we hope you had a fantastic summer. A big hello as well to our new parents and children.

Who are CHIPS?

We are the PTA for Crofton Hammond Infant School. We are a group of parents and staff who organise fun activities throughout the school year to raise vital funds to support the school. We also organise not-for-profit events to make your children's school experience even more exciting.

What can you do?

If you fancy helping out, we always welcome help at any of our events, just ask a CHIPS member, or pop along to any CHIPS meeting.

We rely on the support of all our school community to make our events a success. If you don't have time to help run things, just turning up and supporting us helps enormously!

There are other ways to help raise money, such as signing up to Easy Fundraising (see the advert below), or nominating us as your Amazon Smile charity.

What are we raising money for?

Last year, we raised **£8735.25** and bought a set of iPads, outdoor equipment for the playgrounds and a new PA system.

This year we are aiming to raise at least £6000 to buy new books to enhance the school's reading scheme.

New Year, New Team



Liz Shirley, Chair

Liz has two daughters; Millie in Owls and Flo in Caterpillars



Louise Jackson, Treasurer

Louise's son George is in Owls

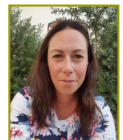


Sarah Harper, Co-Secretary

Sarah's daughter Hattie is in Hedgehogs

Leeann Tudor, Co-Secretary

Leeann's daughter Emily is in Ladybirds



Our next meeting will be on **12th October in the hall at 9.15am**. We will be planning our festive activities. If you fancy getting involved, or just want to hear about what is going on, please join us (as always, children are welcome).

Dates for Your Diary

October

12th - Friday Film Night

16th - Clothing Collection

19th - Tea at Two, Cake Sale and Uniform Sale

November

26th - Christmas Jumper Sale

29th - Christmas Market and Santa's Grotto

December

6th - Children's Christmas Gift Fayre

7th - Friday Film Night

11th - Children's Entertainer Night



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A Quick Guide to our Autumn Events

We know it can feel pretty full-on at the beginning of the year, and all the different events can be confusing, so here is our quick reference guide to the events we are running this term. You will get more details closer to the time in bookbags, so keep an eye out for our letters!



Christmas Market and Grotto

Come and do your Christmas shopping at our range of stalls selling local crafts, cards, food and stocking fillers. To help to boost the festive cheer we serve mulled wine and mince pies too.

For the children we run our incredibly popular Santa's Grotto. Each child will get a personalised ticket to see Santa in a small group in our cosy Grotto. Santa will chat to them, read a story and each child will get a present to take home. Spaces are limited and are allocated on a first come, first served basis.

Children's Christmas Gift Fayre

The children will bring home a form asking how many gifts (up to a maximum of 4) they would like to buy at our fayre. During the school day (you are not required), our personal shoppers take them around the stalls to choose their gifts, then help them to wrap and label them to bring home and put under your tree for the big day. The children love giving their loved ones a gift they have chosen themselves; this is one of our favourite events of the year!

Christmas Jumper Sale

If we get enough donations, we will be selling Christmas jumpers (all sizes, including adults). Join us in the hall after school to pick up a bargain in time for the beginning of the festivities in school.

Friday Film Nights

The children stay at school after school to watch a film in the hall. They bring their bottle and will be given a snack and you pick them up from their classroom door at 5.00pm.

Clothing Collection

You will have already received a plastic bag in your child's bookbag. Simply fill with old clothes, shoes, bags, belts, soft toys or bed linen and bring into school on the collection date. Bags are left next to the bins by the scooter park and we do the rest!

Cake Sale

You will receive a paper plate in your child's bookbag. Fill the plate with cakes (homemade or shop bought) and bring in on the morning of the sale. After school the cakes go on sale in the hall—but be quick; they sell fast!

Tea at Two

Before the cake sale starts, parents and siblings are invited to join us in the hall for a cuppa and cake; a great way to meet other parents.

Uniform Sale

During both the cake sale and Tea at Two, we will also be selling excellent quality secondhand uniform for bargain prices.



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