



FRIENDS OF HOLMLEIGH NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2024

Friends of Holmleigh

Friends of Holmleigh are a group of parents who meet up once every half term with Ms Boateng and other senior leadership team members at Holmleigh. Our aim is to strengthen the school community, support communications and raise funds to support pupils school experience.

On 7th November we held our AGM and this year's committee was elected. We welcome Lucy O'Brien and Liz Akers as Co-Chairs, James Jennings as Treasurer, Elliot Frankal as Secretary and Triona Larkin as Communications officer.

The committee headed swiftly into working with the school leadership team and teachers to organise the Winter Fair. Held on 22nd November it was enjoyed by all, and raised a total of £1753.00.

Since the fair we have instructed a new bank account, so we will be able to accept card payments (as well as cash) at future events.

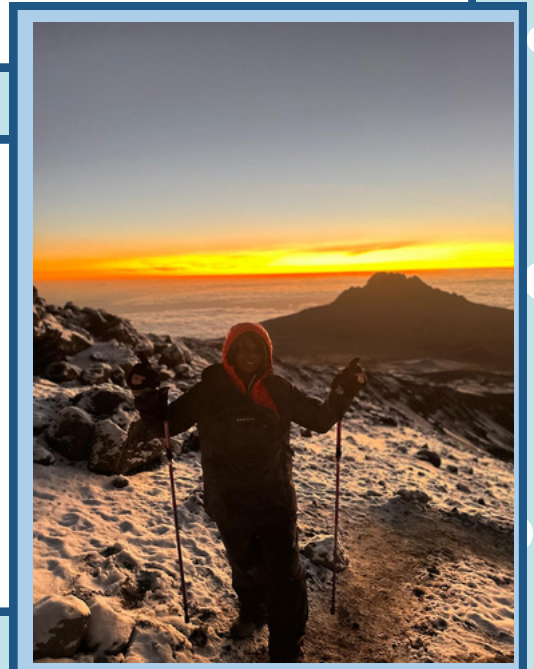
Friends of Holmleigh are looking towards becoming a registered charity in the hope that we can benefit from any grants, sponsorship and other possible funds.

We are working with the school, looking into projects that we can fund to benefit the pupils. Watch this space for news of how we will use this money.

We will be holding our next meeting on Thursday January 16th. This will be to set the dates for this year's fundraising events in the diary and discuss possible projects. There is no commitment needed, it would be great to see you there and share ideas.

Thank You Ebony!

We owe a massive thanks to former Chair of Friends of Holmleigh, Ebony John. Not only did she dedicate her time to Friends of Holmleigh as a fantastic Chairperson for the last year, she also raised over £4000 which was split between Friends of Holmleigh and refugee charity Choose Love by climbing Mount Kilimanjaro!... It wasn't without it's drama, we are glad she is back safe and sound! Ebony, we salute and thank you for the effort and great work.



Winter Fair

Thank you to the teachers and everyone who volunteered, donated, and came along to support this year's Winter Fair. Everyone had a lot of fun and we raised a whopping

£1753.00.



We loved the food that was so generously donated by parents Cebriel, Aygul (Year 3 and 5) and Andrief (Year 1). It was a delicious sell out!



Thanks to Eleanor and Julia (Year 6) who organised and ran the "Name the Reindeer". Miss Boateng was the lucky winner!

Thanks to Winkworths estate agents for sponsoring the fair (donating £408) and those who had a board outside their homes.

Thank you to everyone who donated, helped and volunteered on the stalls, without you we wouldn't be able to run the Fair!

Mulled wine, mince pies and a photo booth

Thank you to everyone who helped out and stopped by after the Christmas Nativity Concert to share a drink, mince pie and a natter before heading to the Photo Booth. It was great to catch up and fun to see everyone enjoying the photos. We raised a fabulous **£155.00.**

Keeping up to date

We send out Friends of Holmleigh news and events by the class WhatsApp groups and school messaging service. You can now follow us on **Instagram** - **@friendsofholmleigh** Follow us to make sure you don't miss any updates.

Friends of Holmleigh Meeting

The next Friends of Holmleigh Meeting will be held on 16th January 2025. We will be setting the dates for this year's fundraising events. We would love to see you there and hear your ideas.

So far this year..

With your help Friends of Holmleigh events this term have raised:

Movie Night : £363.22

Winter Fair : £1753.00

Mulled wine : £155.00

A total of £2,271.22

**Thank you for your support!
Have a wonderful Christmas and
Happy New Year!**

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