

Home School Association

Summer Newsletter

Hello and Welcome!!!

We hope you and all the children are currently enjoying this academic year!! We have lots of exciting news to share with you about events that have recently happened and future plans we have.

We would like to say a huge thank you to all our parents/carers and families for all your continuing support. The support you provide helps with the planning, preparation and delivery of events. We are also equally thankful to every individual who joins us in attending the events which help greatly to ensure they are a success. We appreciate all donations and contributions made and you will see from the information below how we have been able to use funds to help plan and organize some fantastic enjoyable experiences this term. Funds have also been used to continue to provide opportunities to further enhance the experiences of our children and young people.

Recent Events – What's been happening so far? So many exciting events....

December 2018 and the Christmas Fair was a fantastic festive time!!

Thank you to everyone who participated and attended the Christmas Fair. We all had a great time and it was so lovely to see students and their families having a wonderful time.

The Christmas Fair, with Santa's Grotto and Bouncy Castle was a great success. We raised a gross amount of £652.00 with a net profit of £332.15. Thank you to all of you for your kind donations and contributions.

Over the festive time in school, a Christmas voucher was given to all students and a pizza party was organized at Ridge Hill.

Easter

Pens Meadow Home School Association was able to provide each student with an Easter Egg or a bubble tube for any student with dietary issues.

An Easter Egg Hunt was also organized at Ridge Hill leading to the Easter Bunny in a "Burrow". Post 16 did an Easter Egg Trail as part of their curriculum. All of the students thoroughly enjoyed these experiences. There were lots of smiles and happiness shared. Exciting Future HSA Events Summer Fete – Saturday 15th June – including a visit from the Animal Man, a Bouncy Castle and BBQ Singing Hands,

whose school broadcasts help our students with communication, are coming to visit our school! Wednesday 17th July – Post 16 Thursday 18th July – Ridge Hill

Everyone is very welcome to attend meetings; please come along to join in making plans and decisions about our future activities.

Where Your Donations to HSA are going:

We have funded a total of £638.75 for resources since September

- Classroom resources amounting to £389.75
- £249 fees for a Yoga communication course which has enabled Karen Portman to learn skills to use with our children and young people and to share with families in a Communication Workshop.
- HSA is in the process of currently funding more classroom resources requested by staff amounting to £144.94 and playground resources for all our children and young people costing a total of £649.60.

Parents Voice Facebook Page

The Parents Voice Facebook page is a really good communication tool and a great way of sharing the wonderful learning experiences our pupils are engaging in.

This Facebook page is a closed group page ONLY open to Parents/Carers, therefore only Parents/Carers can join it, read the useful information relevant to our families, and offer contributions. <u>Funding for Team Pens Meadow</u> <u>Snowdon Climb Saturday 29th June</u>

A team from Pens Meadow consisting of staff, and parents/carers will be taking on the challenge of climbing Snowdon this year to support the fund raising for Pens Meadow Family.

Fund raising will help to continue to provide support that is invaluable to our children, young people and their families.

We have set up a Paypal Giving Fund page for donations to Team Pens Meadow's Snowdon Climb and greatly appreciate all of your support.

Sponsored Circuit on Friday 21st June

Team Pens Meadow fundraising challenge has been launched where a number of staff, parents/carers have signed up to climb Snowdon Saturday 29th June. For families who wish to join Team Pens Meadow but are unable to climb Snowdon, we will be holding the Families Come Together Site to Site Walk on Friday 21st June.

Everyone is welcome and we are really looking forward to this event!!!

Sponsor forms will be available for all who wish to sign up!!

Date of next HSA meeting: 6th June 2019 10am at Post 16