

Dear Parents and Carers of Reception 2022/23



Welcome to South Haringay School and welcome to the Friends of South Haringay School or FOSH, commonly referred to as the PSA (Parent Staff Association). As a parent or carer at the school you are automatically a member of our association, so welcome!

FOSH are a registered charity steered by a group of volunteer parents and carers who give time and expertise to help organise and run enjoyable events for children and parents whilst fundraising for the school.

Events

We like to ensure the children and parents at South Haringay School have a lot of fun together during the school year, we regularly organise discos, movie nights, Christmas events, scoot-a-thons, cake sales, quiz nights, drinks evenings and of course a summer fair.

Volunteer parents, carers and staff run all these great events.

Raising Money

Whilst having a good time we raise funds to help the school. FOSH have bought playground equipment in both the Infants, Juniors and nursery, the ivy planted around the playground fences called "green screening" was funded by us. We raised the money for green area in the Junior playground. The list goes on. It really is a worthwhile cause. Last year we raised a bumper £19,000.

How you can help?

Classlist

Hopefully you will have already signed up to Classlist. Please do so if you have not. This is the way information is distributed and more importantly tickets are sold to our events.

Reception needs a Class Representative (rep)

Please decide within your year group and then let us know who that is you can email psa@friendsofsouthharingay.org.uk or inform reception.

The main role of the rep is to communicate with the year group usually via the WhatsApp group. Keeping the year group up to date about upcoming events, fielding queries and letting you know how you can help. This is a vital role to help us spread the word around the school and is well supported by the PSA.

If you don't have a Whatsapp group do make one and try and include all parents.

Event Leaders

Every event we put on has an individual or a team leading it, it's a fun and rewarding role and we can only put on these events if we have a volunteer/s to lead it with the help of other parents supporting them.

Events are annual so you'd need to head up or help at one event for your year group or the wider school once a year. A list of events was circulated in last week's newsletter. If you can help run one of these – usually for your own year there will be ample help on hand to guide you.

We are also keen to hear if you have an idea for a new event and wish to run that too. The more event leaders we can recruit the more events we can put on with the agreement of the school.

Your PSA needs you!

We need new committee members

None of the above happens unless we have a complete committee, which at the moment we do not.

We need a secretary and a new chair; we'd like a communication co-ordinator and an events co-ordinator.

Without parents filling these posts there won't run the events our children and we enjoy and more importantly we won't raise much-needed funds for our school.

We are currently just two parents and we can't do it all.

These are fulfilling roles that help to keep the events relevant and hopefully increase the fun as well as money raised. If you can join the committee please email chair@friendsofsouthharingay.org.uk

Meet PSA

We are inviting all reception parents to come along to discuss how you can be involved on September 30th, 2-3pm in The Dusty Knuckle. We need new voices and new input.

Other Ways to Help

Of course throughout the year any and all help is gratefully received, baking for sales, dj'ing at discos, designing posters, bbq'ing at the fair! There is a wide variety of ways to help and something to suit everyone if you want to get involved.

Donations

We also understand that not everyone has the time to volunteer but might want to contribute to the school. You can do this in a number of ways by

making a regular donation through Golden Giving, by designating Friends of South Haringay as your cause when you shop on Amazon Smile or when using Easy Fundraising or Paypal.

Corporate Fundraising / Sponsorship

Corporate sponsorship is a hugely important contribution, which can double the money raised at events. If your employer has a scheme we can apply to or offers donations in kind or match funding please let us know.

So hopefully that's enough of an introduction.

For any questions relating to the above or to volunteer please email psa@friendsofsouthharingay.org.uk or get in contact via reception. Hopefully see some of you next Friday.

Kind Regards

Lucy Morris (Chair)
Mariana Baruzzi (Treasurer)