



We hope you're all having a great Autumn/Winter term!

There are lots of exciting things in store over the next few couple of months, plus lots of ways that you can help to raise much-needed money for the school



AGM

Thank you to everyone that came along to the AGM in October. What a fantastic turnout! Thank you also to Ms Eyres and Mr David for attending. By working closely and collaboratively with the Headship team, we have high hopes for a successful fundraising year ahead.

The minutes of the AGM and the financials for 2018-2019 can be found on our online portal www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofmonkenhadley under About / Meeting Minutes.

The next Friends meeting will be held on Monday January 13th, 6.30pm at the school. Everyone welcome!

Raise money while you shop!

We've signed up to 2 online shopping charity schemes; **Amazon Smile** and **Easyfundraising**. Both donate money to our cause every time you shop. Easiest fundraising ever!

Amazon Smile (smile.amazon.co.uk) works in exactly the same way as Amazon, however once linked with the Friends of Monken Hadley as your chosen charity, a portion of the revenue will be donated to us. Create a bookmark on your browser and tell your friends and family, especially in the lead up to Christmas!

Easyfundraising.org.uk has links with over 3,700 retailers. All you need to do is register on their website and select the Friends of Monken Hadley as your chosen charity. If you add their extension, every time you land on a page supported by Easyfundraising, it will ask you to activate the donation. It even works with insurance companies, travel agencies, comparison sites, supermarkets, as well as all the popular retailers.

If you need help with any of these please let us know!

Sustainability

This year the Friends is going green!

In a bid to make our fundraising as environmentally friendly as possible, we are cutting out single-use items, pointless plastic and reducing waste. We will opt for sustainable merchandise whenever possible and would like to make our events and stalls more "experience-driven".

We would really appreciate your support in our endeavours. You can help by taking recycling home with you, bringing back reusable plates, mugs and cups from food stalls, and donating any unwanted items.

We are also going paperless so please buy tickets online whenever possible, no need to print them out.

Thank you!

Cartridge Recycling

Look out for cartridge bags being sent home this week. Please bring in any used printer cartridges, we can then exchange these for cash!

Thank you.



Upcoming Events



Glow Disco

Friday 8th November

Infants 4.15-5.15pm, Juniors 5.30-6.30pm

Due to amendments to the ground lease at Mount House, we are unfortunately not able to go ahead with the Fireworks this year. But fear not, as instead we have our Glow Disco!

£5 entry includes: DJ, music, games, light show, sandwiches, squash, snacks and face painting. Plus, hot drinks and sweet treats on sale for parents/children.

Dress in bright/neon clothes!

Tickets for sale on our online portal

We do need volunteers so if you can spare an hour please let us know via your class rep or the online portal (you can volunteer via My Account). We also need some fabulous cakes from any bakers out there!

Pub Quiz

Date TBC

Our highly anticipated Pub Quiz is expected to return in late January. Details to follow soon!

Tough Mudder

Date TBC

A group of dads are "somewhat foolishly" (Richard's words!) looking to do the Tough Mudder challenge to raise money for the PTA. The plan is to do it some time in the first half of 2020. If any dad or mum fancies joining them, please contact Richard Gardham on richard.gardham@ft.com.



Christmas Fair

Saturday 7th December,
12-3pm

Planning for the Christmas Fair is well under way! We look forward to welcoming you to an afternoon of games, challenges, activities, delicious food and drink, our wonderful Elfridges (secret present room), Santa's Grotto, Raffle, and lots more!

Elfridges

Elfridges instructions and order forms will be shared very soon. **Please look out for messages from your reps** and don't forget that all secret presents will need to be ordered in advance!

Bin it, so someone can win it!

In the meantime, the coloured bins by the school entrance are open for business! Please place any unwanted items that are in good condition in the bin that corresponds to your child's house colour. (There will be house points up for grabs!) This can be toys, teddies, books, games, gadgets, anything really that can be reused.

Raffle

If you are able to support the Christmas raffle by contributing a raffle prize, this will be greatly appreciated. This can be an experience, a service, vouchers, items, or anything else! If you are a business, we can include you in our marketing. Please email monkenhadleyfriends@gmail.com. Raffle tickets will be sent home in the next few weeks and will also be on sale after school in the days leading up to the Fair and on the day. We already have some fantastic prizes in the bag so don't miss out!

Thank you for all of your ongoing support of the Friends' fundraising - from cake baking to buying tickets. We're looking forward to a really successful year of raising money for our school!



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