



Welcome back and Happy New Year!



The Christmas Fair



We would like to say a big thank you to everyone who helped at, baked for, donated to and took part in the Christmas Fair. It was lovely seeing so many of you there, and seeing the children have such a great time. The feedback from parents and staff was resounding; it was a fantastic event with a wonderful atmosphere, and that is all down to you! Together with the tea towel sales we raised an incredible **£3,800**, taking us several steps closer to being able to complete the IT service and football area upgrades.

Clothes for Cash

You will hopefully have received your clothes donation bag from the Happy School Bag. This is a chance for you to have a good clear out and bring any unwanted but reusable clothes and other items:

WE ACCEPT

- ✓ Adults and children's clothing
 - ✓ Paired Shoes
 - ✓ Fashion accessories
 - ✓ Handbags, Belts, Hats
 - ✓ Jewellery, Perfumes



WE DON'T ACCEPT

- ✗ Uniforms
- ✗ Toys, Books, DVDs
- ✗ Duvets, Pillows, Household linen
- ✗ Carpets, Blankets, Curtains
- ✗ Bric-a-Brack
- ✗ Dirty, Damaged, Wet Clothing, unsuitable for reuse

Please bring these and any extra bags to the school hall on the 6th of Feb or the morning of the 7th.

Some dates for your diary

Friday 7th Feb
Clothes for Cash bags

Thursday 13th Feb
Beech Cake Sale

Saturday 29th Feb
Leap Quiz

Friday 6th March
World Book Day Cake Sale
(details to follow)

Friday 27th March
Monken Hadley's Got Talent

Thursday 7th May
Cedar Cake Sale (provisional)

Saturday 20th June
Summer Ball

Saturday 4th July
Summer Fair

Some parents have mentioned that after Christmas they have accumulated some unwanted gifts (both children and adult) that they would like to donate to the Friends. Thank you! That would be amazing! We will gladly receive any donations that we can use at the Summer or Christmas Fairs. Please bring any unwanted items in good condition along with the happy school bags into the hall on the 6th / 7th Feb.

Leap Quiz: 29th February

Let's face it, no one wants February to last an extra day. So why not spend that extra day enjoying yourself at the Friends of Monken Hadley Leap Quiz?

The Leap Quiz will be held on Saturday, February 29th at 8pm. The location will be the Conservative Club, 33 Barnet High Street, EN5 5UW. Teams should be a maximum of eight and nibbles will be provided. Tickets are £5 per person and can be purchased via our PTA Events portal. Any queries contact Richard Gardham on richard.gardham@ft.com

Match Funding

Match funding is a simple way to maximise the fundraising efforts of charity volunteers and can often double the money raised by a charity. If you work for an organisation that has a match funding policy, any money you raise could be matched by your employer! We understand that the high street banks, building societies, supermarkets and large corporations are likely to do match funding, but these schemes are not exclusive to the major corporate giants.

We would be grateful if you could see if your employer has a match funding scheme, or if they are willing to match fund any of our events. If you need any more information or if you think your employer may be able to help please email monkenhadleyfriends@gmail.com and we can discuss this further.



Easy Fundraising and Amazon Smile

Please keep using Easy Fundraising and Amazon Smile when you shop. It really is such an easy way to raise money for the school, with minimum effort! If you are planning on booking a holiday, accessing your travel agent's site via Easy Fundraising can raise hundreds of pounds for our charity, simply by booking! Please do check them out if you have a chance, we still only have a handful of parents using them. Encourage grandparents and other relatives or friends to sign up too! Remember to select Friends of Monken Hadley as your chosen charity.

Thank you! The more we can raise through schemes such as Match Funding and EasyFundraising / Amazon Smile, the less pressure there is on events and volunteers.