

FRIENDS NEWS

PUTTING THE FUN INTO FUNDRAISING



HERE WE GROW....!

WE'VE HIGH hopes for Spring with the launch of our Sponsored Sunflower Challenge!

Over the next few days each child will be given some seeds, compost and a pot and challenged to grow the tallest sunflower in the school! Don't worry if your family doesn't have green fingers - we'll include instructions too.

Could you pledge a penny a centimetre or a fiver a foot? Perhaps a one-off amount if it actually flowers!

Once the plant has established it can be replanted into another pot, the garden or even in the school grounds. How cheerful would the school fence look lined with bright yellow flowers?

Measure your sunflowers each week and keep us up to date with their progress by Email, Facebook or Twitter.

The final measuring date will be in July - with prizes for the tallest! Watch your flowers as they actually chase the sun - their cheery heads face east in the morning and turn west in the afternoon.

After they've flowered we'll dry out the seed heads and hang them around the school to feed the birds. The tallest recorded sunflower was grown in Germany in 2011 and stands at an impressive 8.23 metres (27 feet). Can we beat that?!

It's easy to donate either through the sponsorship form we'll be handing out or our new fundraising page at <https://mydonate.bt.com/charities/friendsofhambleprimaryschool> or you can donate by text. Text **HFOS01 then £2, £5 or £10 to 70070**

FRIENDS GOODIE BAG

This month we have funds for a digital camera for Year R along with two Chatter Tracker sound level meters.

We'll also be presenting every class with a tablet computer at a special Assembly.



YOU'VE GOT A FRIEND

WELCOME to the new look Friends of Hamble Primary newsletter!

We all need a friend and Hamble Primary School is no different. **FRIENDS** is a group of parents aiming to raise money for extras that the school could not otherwise afford, whilst putting on exciting events for our children.

Our new committee is Chairperson: Lisa Russell, Treasurer: Katie Gillespie and Secretary: Roz Munday.

This newsletter explains what we've been up to and what fun events are coming up in the future.

As a parent you are automatically a member of **FRIENDS** and your views count. Whether you can come to one of our monthly meetings, informal coffee mornings or just email us a good idea, we'd love to hear from you. We hope every class will soon have a **FRIENDS** ambassador. If you think that could be you, then please get in touch.

Find us at the school gates and follow us on Facebook and Twitter for all the up to date news.

TEATIME TREATS



PICK UP a tasty treat when you pick up your children at one of our new monthly school bake sales. The first takes place on Friday 28th March and will be hosted by Year R.

Each Year Group will take it in turns to hold the sale once a month after school. Parents will be asked to provide one baked goodie just once a year for every child they have in the school. It can be sweet or savoury - shop bought or home made. The children will run the sales themselves, helping with their maths and social skills. At the end of the year, the profits will be split up equally between the classes and the children will decide how they would like to spend it.

Years 3/4 will host their sale on Friday 25th April, Years 1/2 on Friday 23rd May and finally Years 5/6 on Friday 20th June.

We're feeling hungry already!

YUMMY MONEY

BAGS of delicious organic fruit and vegetables have been making their way home under the new Abel & Cole school scheme.

It's part of a charity venture where parents and staff can sign up for a bag of seasonal produce - and the school makes 25 per cent profit on each one sold! Starting at £5, there are four Farmer's Choice selections to choose from and they include free tips and recipes too.

You can sign up for a week, a month or a term and cancel at any time. Abel & Cole set up the not-for-profit scheme back in 2002 and last year it raised £803,000 for schools across the country. We've already raised £50 in the last 2 weeks.

The bags are delivered to the school every Thursday and sent out with your child at home time. Only problem - can you get your juicy fruit home before your little darling eats it?! If you'd like more information or to place an order please contact our Farmer's Choice Champion Katie on foshambleprimary@gmail.com or through Friends of Hamble Primary on Facebook. More details on www.abelandcole.co.uk

WHEELIE GREAT!

THE BIG Pedal proved a huge success and we'd like to thank all of you who were able to take part and cycle or scoot to school.

We finished **49th** out of 1056 nationally and **6th** out of 140 regionally. What an achievement!

Huge thanks to Nick from **URGE Cycles** who carried out free bike healthchecks on Wednesday March 12th. While most were in good working order, he found a few that needed urgent attention! **URGE Cycles** offer mobile cycle maintenance and repair. www.urgecycles.co.uk

Hopefully it's given you a taste for life on two wheels!



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- 28th March Year R Bake Sale
- 31st March Sunflower Kits
- 2nd April Film Night (Infant & Junior)
- 28th April Friends Meeting

OUTDOOR CLASSROOM COUNTDOWN
SAVED £3800
TARGET £8000

"If you haven't learned the meaning of friendship, you haven't learned anything". Muhammad Ali