



Hi everyone,

A warm welcome from the High Ash School Association (HASA). Below you will find some details of who HASA are. What we are hoping to achieve, what events we are looking to run and how everyone can get involved?

Who are HASA?

HASA is a charitable organisation made up of parents and carers with the sole focus of raising monies for the school. There are currently 16 of us on the committee and we meet regularly (via Zoom) to plan and organize events. To date, HASA have been instrumental in raising money for classroom whiteboards, playground equipment, new books for the library and contributing to some of the hook days and school excursions that all the children get to enjoy.

What are we hoping to achieve?

COVID-19 has brought with it lots of challenges for all and the school has been impacted. The government have not provided any extra funding and therefore all the additional costs of ensuring the school is COVID-19 compliant such as deep cleaning, ensuring each child has their own stationery set and hand sanitisers have been funded by the school directly. Did you know that a stationery set for one child costs £5 and that every child in the school has to have their own stationery set? Did you know that the additional cleaning and hygiene costs that the school face, in order to be COVID compliant, mean costs have trebled and they are now paying £6,000 a year? This means that any monies we raise this year will go to help offset these costs as well as enhance the children's learning.

Whilst we are not able to run some of our usual fundraising activities (such as film nights or craft sessions), we are hopeful that we can still raise some money for the school. We are very grateful for the generosity and support you have shown in previous years and now more than ever are asking that everyone come together to allow those at the school to do what they do best and that is teach our children in a safe and happy environment.

Below you will find details of events we will be running this term. Please wherever possible do come and get involved. If you can't make the dates or are not at the school during pick-up then please read on further as to how you can still support us.

It is hard to say at this time what we will be able to do in the Spring and Summer terms but hopefully we will be able to bring back some of our popular events such as the discos and Summer Fair. We have great fun running them and more importantly we know the children enjoy them!



What events are we going to be running this term? – Diary dates!

We will have a stall on the playground one day each week at pick up, please do come over and help support us.

Date	Event	Where
Wednesday 14 th and Thursday 22 nd October	Hello from HASA – come and meet some of the team and ask any questions, or share any fundraising suggestions you may have.	Playground
Monday 2 nd November	Christmas Cards - The Christmas card artwork that the children have made will be sent home for you to view and include details of how to place an order. Deadline for orders is 11th November	School bags
Monday 2 nd and Monday 9 th November	<i>'Be Safe, Be Seen'</i> - As we head into the darker season we will be selling reflective snapbands and a variety of fluorescent items to attach to coats and bags. Simultaneously we will be running a Christmas Jumper 'swap shop' please bring in your old Christmas jumpers, children's and adults* for recycling.	Playground
Tuesday 17 th and Thursday 26 th November	Any donations* for the Christmas Raffle gratefully received e.g. vouchers, toiletries, chocolates, bottles etc. Having recycled your old Christmas Jumper, please do come and choose a 'new one' for a donation.	Playground
Friday 4 th December	We will be selling Advent biscuits for the children and refreshments for parents at pick up – mulled wine, mince pies etc.	Playground
Thursday 10 th Dec	Refreshments for Parents	Playground
Wednesday 16 th December	Christmas Jumper Day - Wear your Christmas Jumper (instead of your school cardigan /jumper) to school - £1 per child.	In school for the children



	Christmas Raffle will be drawn. The winner will be notified by email and announced in the school newsletter.	In school drawn by Mrs Boyce & parents notified by email
Friday 18 th December	Doughnut Day - Celebrate the last day of term with a donut after school.	Playground

How can everyone get involved in addition to supporting the events above?

Come and meet us on the playground and if you feel you have some time to spare (or suggestions for 2021) please put your name on our helpers list to come and help with events we are organizing.

We run 2/3 raffles a year, if you run a company or work somewhere that would be willing to donate items such as vouchers, toiletries, drinks etc then please put your name on our donations list and we will contact you to see if you would be able to help. The first raffle is going to be on the 16th December.

We have a donate button on the ParentPay Site and if you or family / friends would like to support the school please consider using this option.

When shopping online, please use Easyfundraising.org.uk. You will need to register and when asked choose High Ash CE School as a cause. You can then shop as normal (no extra cost to yourself) and the retailers will make a small donation to High Ash as a 'thank you'

If using Amazon, please use Smile.amazon.co.uk. HASA is listed as a charity and as above, Amazon will donate a small amount to the school.

Thank you for taking the time to read through all this, we look forward to meeting and working with lots of you over the year.

Your HASA Committee

* To keep everyone safe we will be following COVID-19 guidelines and washing items where possible and placing items into quarantine.