

# FRIENDS OF HOWES- NEWSLETTER

*A VOLUNTARY GROUP OF PARENTS AND STAFF, HELPING TO RAISE THOSE EXTRA FUNDS FOR OUR CHILDREN.*

## CHRISTMAS FAYRE

A BIG thank you and well done to everyone who helped and came along to support the Christmas Fayre. We raised a super amount of £1,358.

## WHERE DOES THE MONEY GO?

So far this school year the money raised via the Friends of Howes, has gone towards subsidising coach trips to ensure that parents pay no more than £5 for a school trip, A DVD/VCR for the school hall, a Camcorder for Mrs Davies' retirement present, and Flowers for Rita's leaving present. With the majority of the money that we have been raising over the last few events we are hoping to purchase a 'Trim Trail'.

## ASDA BAG PACK

We nearly had to cancel the Asda bag pack due to lack of support as we initially only had 7 volunteers, but luckily at the 11<sup>th</sup> hour a lot of people came forward to give up a couple of hours of their time, which was fantastic and greatly appreciated. In the end we actually managed to raise £895.41 thank you.

## FUTURE PLANNED EVENTS

The Friends of Howes are hoping to organise the following events:-

### **-BAGS 2 SCHOOL - Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> February**

We have arranged for an organisation to come to the school and collect all our unwanted, Clothes, soft toys, belts, handbags and shoes. This is planned to take place at the school at **8.45am on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> February**. All the items donated are weighed and the school will receive 30p per kilo which is £300 per tonne! Once the bags are collected they are shipped off to Eastern European countries. Nearer the time you will be given a blue bag to fill with any unwanted items. So start sorting and have a good clear out!!

### **MURDER MYSTERY EVENING - Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June.**

If anyone is interested in taking on a role in this play the please let Miss Nagra know.

**Fashion Show** - Date to be confirmed

**School Disco** - Date to be confirmed (all money going to Comic/Sports Relief)

**Family Race Night** - Date to be arranged

**Cinema Morning** - Dates to be arranged.

## SCHOOL CROSSING

On a slightly different note, without a crossing person on patrol, it has been increasingly aware that crossing Dillotford Ave has become very dangerous. As parents here are a few things that you can do:

- Park in a safe place and not in Palermo Ave
- Talk to your local MP about safer traffic calming measures
- Join the Action for Cheylesmore at their meetings

If you see someone parking inconsiderately please tell them before someone gets seriously hurt.

## NEXT MEETING

The next Friends of Howes meeting will take place on **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> February at 7.30pm**. Remember that being a parent at Howes you automatically become a member so please try to attend.