



Dear Parents/Guardians

You are invited to attend the 'Friends' PTA annual general meeting (AGM) on the 25<sup>th</sup> September 2017. The AGM is a yearly meeting where committee elections take place and the years events are reported on. The meeting is open for all parents and guardians to attend.

In a time that school budgets are being squeezed more than ever before, the funds raised by the 'Friends' PTA is becoming ever more important, and relied upon by the school to help ensure that our children have the best learning experience possible.

Our objective is to deliver fun and engaging events for our children and the school community whilst raising essential funds at the same time. Previous events have included film nights, discos, stay & Play BBQs, adult quiz nights, Christmas events and much more. We are hoping to plan a full schedule of fundraising events for the forthcoming academic year that will hopefully deliver some great memories for the children and parents alike, but we need your help; the PTA will only be as good as the support we get from all of you!

'Friends' hosted events rely solely on parent volunteers, and as such our fundraising events cannot go ahead without the time and skills kindly donated by you. As children move on from our school, so often do the parents and therefore we look to both new and existing parents to become involved.

I appreciate that parents today are incredibly busy with childcare and work commitments, but many hands make light work and by spreading the load, I'm hopeful that we can continue to run a successful itinerary of events this year. There is no doubt that being an active member of 'Friends' can sometimes be time consuming, but It can also be fun and rewarding; even if you can only spare half an hour then the difference that can make can be phenomenal.

Our current committee treasurer will be standing down this September after several years, and we are also looking to recruit class representatives for each year group. If you are interested in any of these roles, or can help in anyway, no matter how small, please get in touch via email [friends.hughendenprimary@gmail.com](mailto:friends.hughendenprimary@gmail.com) or via our Facebook page @Friendsofhughendenschool.

I look forward to welcoming you all at the AGM.

Kind Regards

Alex Hollman (Chairperson)