



## Welcome to Friends of Preston Hedge's

A registered charity that raises funds to benefit your children during their time at Preston Hedge's.

**Next Meeting 21<sup>st</sup> November 2019 from 8pm in the Hub – entry via the exit gates.**

## Who are Friends of Preston Hedge's (FOPH)?

We are a small group of volunteers who work together to organise and run events for the children and their families. The funds raised from our events throughout the year, go back into the school – to our children.

## What do we raise the money for?

The funds we raise help the school to buy equipment that their budgets sadly can't stretch to, e.g. Library Bus, playground painting and games, outdoor gym equipment and garden repurposing. Please see the back of this leaflet for some great photos of previous completed projects.

We also use the funds raised during our events to help assist in covering costs for the activities that your children take part in over the year. Last year this included:

- Year 1 Theatre Trip
- Year 2 Synagogue and Snowdome Trips
- Year 3 Irchester Park coach cost and Bushcrafts.
- Year 4 Sealife Trip
- Year 5 Stratford Trip
- Year 6 Kidzania and Donation for the prom.
- The Ice lollys the children get during their sports day.

## FOPH NEWS -The Team.

During our AGM in September 2019, our Chair Laura and our Vice Chair Helen both stepped down. We are very grateful for all they have done for the charity and the school and for their continued support.

We would like to take this opportunity to introduce your new team at FOPH.

### **Chair – Alex Ingram**

My name is Alex, I have two children currently in school at Preston Hedges, a daughter in year 3 and a son who has just started in Reception. One of the reasons myself and my husband moved to Wootton 6 years ago was because of the wonderful schools. Since my daughter started Preston Hedges in 2016 I have enjoyed helping out at FOPH events, attending meetings and getting to know a lot of the children and parents as well as building relationships with the staff at the school. This year, as my son was starting in reception I stood down as a local Rainbow Leader to allow me to spend more time helping with FOPH. I feel very honoured to have been voted Chair and I hope that you will all continue your support with FOPH and enjoy some of the new ideas for events we have planned this year. Over the last few years I have enjoyed taking part in planning events -both at work and at Rainbows.

I am in a very fortunate position to have worked with both Vice Chair and Treasurer in the past and look forward to build on our relationships.

FOPH only works because of YOU so please come along to our events and meetings, share some ideas and support us when you can. Please feel free to stop and chat to any of us when you see us around.

### **Vice Chair - Becci Hornsby.**

My name is Becci and my son Harry is in Year 1. When Harry started at Preston I remembered hearing about the Friends of Preston Hedge's, but it hadn't registered that it was run by parents of a voluntary basis. I was blown away when I found out what they did for the children and the school and was eager to offer my support in any way I could. I didn't quite think I would end up as the Vice chair, but I'm always up for a new challenge!

My friends and family would describe me as a bit of an organised freak (got to love a plan!) as well as being quite confident and friendly, so fingers crossed they're good qualities for being a good Vice Chair.

I am very lucky to have some time to dedicate to this new role and I absolutely love meeting new people. I have such a passion for the school so I am very much looking forward to the year ahead and seeing what we can do for our children.

### **Treasurer – Claire Neilson.**

Claire lives in Wootton Fields and has two children at Preston hedges in Year 2 and Reception. Claire has been the Treasurer of FOPH for the passed year and also gets involved in other community activities in Wootton including leading a local Rainbow Unit.

### **Second Hand Uniform**

Are you may have seen over the recent parents evening, we receive donations of logoed uniform and sell it back to parents for a small fee in order to raise funds. This is a wonderful way of cost saving for parents and also helps the environment by reducing clothing wastage at the same time as putting money back into the school. Please continue to donate logoed school uniform to the office who will pass it on.

### **Our Hopes and Plans for the future!**

All ready we have been in discussions with Mr Watson around how we can help out at the school – we have several ideas on the go for the next year or two, however we wanted to share with you our biggest “project” ! As many of you know Preston Hedges students have always been very successful in sports and sport competitions. As the winter months draw in – especially when you think of the bad weather we have had the last few weeks – the school have to limit the time the children play outside on the field. Not only for health and safety reasons but to also not upset us parents by sending home muddy, wet children at the end of the day. We would like to look at astro turfing some of the field and turning it into a usable pitch all year round. However, this is not cheap and it would take FOPH a number of years to cover the cost ourselves and obviously would impact on the other things we cover. So, we need your help – how can we do this? We know we have parents out there with so much knowledge and business contacts that we need you to help us make this work ! Please any ideas/suggestions email to us at [friendsofprestonhedges@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofprestonhedges@gmail.com)

### **Planned Events 2019-2020**

**Fancy Dress Disco**

**Breakfast With Santa**

**New years disco**

**Adults Quiz Night**

**Bingo Night**

**Pop up shops – Mothers Day and Fathers Day**

**Breakfast with Dads**

**Fete**