

# HOPA NEWS

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Dear Parents, Carers and Staff

HOPA (Hermitage and Oaktree Parents Association) would like to welcome everyone to the 2020 academic year. For those new to the school, all parents and guardians of both schools automatically become members of HOPA when their child attends either school and we work together to raise monies for both schools via various fun events.

Our AGM will be held on 8th October via Zoom. This will be a great opportunity to meet the faces of HOPA and have your say. All committee roles will be up for nomination and so we encourage anyone who would like to learn more or who is tempted to join this supportive team to please dial in. Meeting details and committee roles and responsibilities will be sent out prior to the meeting, so please look out for these.

As we know, sadly many of last year's events were unable to go ahead, but despite this we had a very successful partial year of fundraising.

- Hermitage Discos - £800
- Oaktree Bears at Bedtime and Disco - £800
- Joint - Christmas Fair - £6,500
- Party Kit hire - £60
- Terracycle - £200
- Second-hand Uniform Sales - £100
- Easyfundraising - £100



## Hermitage Totaliser Year 2019/20



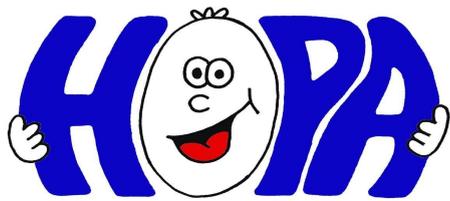
## Oaktree Totaliser Year 2019/20



During the academic year we were sponsored by the amazing Chancellors Estate Agents in Woking. You can see by the massive Christmas Fair total how much their input has positively enhanced our funds. We would like to thank them for their sponsorship, prize donations and community spirit.



<https://www.chancellors.co.uk/branches/woking-property>



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The Easter Egg Hunt was unfortunately cancelled and all money HOPA received on ticket sales for this event was refunded in June. The Easter Bunny however, did visit all the children at Oaktree on the last day of term and provided them with an Easter treat courtesy of HOPA.



## Second-hand School Uniform

Thank you to Rachel for doing such a fantastic job organising and selling second-hand uniform for both schools. This raises money for HOPA but also helps the environment (and our pockets). If you would like to buy second-hand uniform, there is a wide range of items available for a £2 donation to HOPA. You can message via the HOPA Facebook group or via email:

[oaktreeuniform@gmail.com](mailto:oaktreeuniform@gmail.com)

[hermitageuniform@gmail.com](mailto:hermitageuniform@gmail.com)



## Easyfundrasing

This is an easy way to raise funds for the schools when you shop online. If you haven't registered, please do so via the website:

[www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/hopa](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/hopa)

## Recycling

We can confirm that we will be continuing with our recycling schemes and the bins will be relocated soon and so please look out for these in the coming days.

There have been some changes and sadly we are no longer able to collect pringle tubes, biscuit wrappers or beauty products. However, we can confirm we are still collecting **crisp packets, pens, printer cartridges and dental products.**

We apologise to those of you who have been saving items that are no longer included, we will continue to look out for more opportunities to recycle at the school and keep you updated on these.

If you can spare 30-40mins every few weeks to help the team sort and pack up our recycling please contact [hopahelp@gmail.com](mailto:hopahelp@gmail.com)

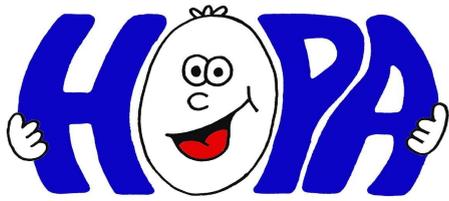
## New Events

Creeping up soon...The Scary Scarecrow and Pumpkin Trail: Details are coming about our trail that will run throughout the community from 23rd October - 8th November and how your family can get involved

Community Squares - Win prizes by supporting your school and local businesses with community squares. We will let you know when these go live

Mufti, Crazy Hair and Christmas themed days - November 20th and 27th

Virtual Christmas - Christmas is definitely NOT cancelled! We have lots of ideas bubbling as to how to bring the magic of Christmas to our kids this year. We will be holding various events, raffles and surprises for all to enjoy throughout the festive time. If you can donate a prize or run an event, please get in touch.



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To generate funds this year, we need to create more virtual events and are asking for volunteers to run them. Here are some ideas...

Online events - are you interested in hosting a family or pub quiz night? A virtual horse racing, bingo or games night? A pet show? Perhaps your family had an entertainment night that could be turned into a fun HOPA event? Or would you like to host an event that will help promote your business and raise funds for HOPA?

100 Club, 50/50 lottery - there are various school lottery systems up and running, and we are looking for a volunteer to explore these and take on the running of one

Sponsored events - do you have a sponsored event in mind that you could run? Maybe it's a socially distanced relay race, a danceathon, a sponsored read or maths quiz, a story writing competition...

Whatever your idea, we'd love to hear from you. Please get in touch via [hopahelp@gmail.com](mailto:hopahelp@gmail.com)

## How are the HOPA funds spent?

In respect of Oaktree Mrs Alder has sent the following message:

"Thank you so much for the money raised by HOPA events. We have been able to purchase new design and technology kits for the children that will provide more challenge or enhance the kits we already have.

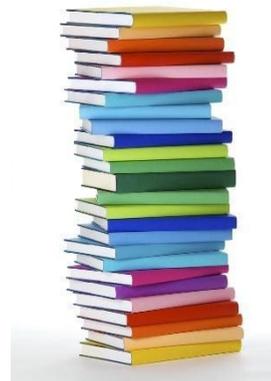
We have been able to refurbish and update our computers in school so that the children can access a wider range of learning and use computers that are more reliable.

Finally, our Year 2 children who left in July were given a leavers book and the money from HOPA has enabled us to do this.

Parents and carers we really appreciate how generous you are with your support."

Now that equipment cannot be shared, Oaktree are in need of more outdoor equipment to ensure all children have equal access. Fundraising money this year will be used to purchase and update outdoor play equipment for Reception and purchase new play equipment for KS1.

Last year, Hermitage used their money to completely move the library into the heart of the school, purchase books, furniture and decorate it beautifully. This has made a positive impact for all pupils in terms of the library's broader range of books, accessibility and welcoming environment.



This year Hermitage would like to purchase iPads for Orchard and equipment for the new Science Lab.

Thank you to everyone who has offered their help and made donations throughout our short year and to those parents, like Katy Tanner at Gingersnaps Photography who considered HOPA during lockdown and made a donation on the back of her doorstep photography.

Thank you for your continued support.

The HOPA Team