

# WELCOME TO FOLLY HILL INFANT ACADEMY



## Friends Of Folly Hill

Welcome to Folly Hill Infant Academy – we're so glad you've chosen Folly Hill for your child! As the Friends of Folly Hill, the school's PTA, we wanted to let you know what we do, how we raise funds for the school and how you can get involved.

### Meet the Friends

So, you've heard all the horror stories, but what is it really like to be on the PTA? We are just a group of Mums (Dads also welcome) who want to get more involved with school life, raise some money so that our children get the best resources, and promote the school and its achievements in the local area. The friendships and the wine are just an added bonus! 😊

We meet once every half term to discuss the events which took place in the previous half term, and plan the ones coming up. When we have a big event, such as the Christmas or Summer Fair, then we might have an extra planning session to share out all of the tasks.

### How to keep in touch

#### WHATSAPP

We will set up a class What's App group, if you would like to be included, please email your mobile number (it can be more than one number per household) to the Friends email address: [friends@follyhill.kite.academy](mailto:friends@follyhill.kite.academy)

#### FACEBOOK

If you are on Facebook then you can join our group and find out more about our upcoming plans:  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/friendsoffollyhill/>

#### INSTAGRAM

You can also follow us on Instagram:  
<https://www.instagram.com/friendsoffollyhill/>

#### SCHOOL SOCIAL MEDIA

The school also have social media accounts to follow, where they share news and photos:

Twitter: [https://twitter.com/folly\\_hill](https://twitter.com/folly_hill)

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/follyhillschool>

### Volunteer!

We are always looking for more volunteers – it is easier for everyone if we can share out the tasks. Everybody is welcome to come forward and volunteer on the committee. Even if you don't want one of the key roles, you can still volunteer to be a Class Rep, or just come along to meetings, and help out at events when you can, donate items for the raffles, or just bake cakes for the regular cake sales. Any offer of help and support is always very welcome!

### The roles

Chairperson  
Deputy Chairperson  
Secretary  
Treasurer  
Shed and Stock Administrator  
Marketing

We also have two Class Reps for each class who attend meetings, support the event organisation and find helpers within each of the classes.

All roles come up for renewal at the AGM, so if you want to get involved, now is your chance! If you have any questions, please just drop an email to the Friends inbox, and we will get back to you.

## Fundraising

We mainly raise funds for expensive items the school would otherwise be unable to afford. In previous years we have paid for: Crocodile encounters experience, Poetry performance and Workshop, Magician performance at Christmas, Science Workshops during Science Week, Subscription to Key Stage History resources, outdoor equipment, white boards and iPads.

We also support the school's annual budget by committing a set amount of funds to core curriculum activities, including cooking ingredients, books and learning software.

This ensures that the school can continue to deliver a well-rounded curriculum, with resources over and above the core requirements.

We support the school with their events, helping with the refreshments at Someone Special Day, and selling ice creams at the end of Sports Day!

## Calendar of Events

Throughout the school year we run lots of events – for the children, for the parents and for the whole family! The incentive for all the events is to raise as much money as possible for the school, but we also want to make sure that everyone has fun!

We're always looking for new ideas and suggestions, so if you have been to any events that you really enjoyed, and have the potential to raise lots of money, then we'd love to hear about it!

## Calendar of Events

### Autumn Term

October: Autumn Social Night for Parents 'Quiz Night'

November: Halloween/Fireworks Cake Sale

November: Children's Disco

December: Christmas Fair

December: Christmas Party for the Children

### Spring Term

January: Moonbeam Movie Night

February: Valentine's Cake Sale

March: Spring Social Night for Parents

March: Children's Disco

March: Easter Egg Hunt

### Summer Term

June: Summer Fair

July: Hale Carnival

July: Moonbeam Leavers BBQ

July: Summer Family Picnic

We also run 'Dress Down Days' in return for tombola donations at the Christmas and Summer Fairs.

## Other Income

As well as running a series of events throughout the school year, there are also other opportunities that we take advantage of to raise further income. These include:



If you shop online, log on via [www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk) and a percentage of your sales will be donated to the school.



When you are labelling your new school uniform, please consider buying your labels from [www.mynametags.com](http://www.mynametags.com) who donate a percentage of your purchase to the school. Just quote 19070 at the checkout.



We facilitate a Bag 2 School collection, whereby you can donate any unwanted clothes or shoes, which are then weighed and a payment is made to the school based on the total weight collected.

## Uniform

We collect donations of school uniform that is still in good condition, but has been outgrown. We then set up regular second-hand uniform stalls throughout the year – with all proceeds going to the school.

## Folly Hill's Amazon Wishlist

The school have an Amazon wish list which contains smaller items that they need, such as books, stationery and games.

You will be able to access this during the year and make a purchase to donate to the school.

<https://amzn.eu/9QNXrDy>

## Account details

Friends of Folly Hill Infant School  
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# STARTING SCHOOL



## TOP TIPS FROM PREVIOUS RAINBOW PARENTS...

**WRITE EVERYTHING DOWN SOMEWHERE – YOUR PHONE OR ON A CALENDAR – AND SET REMINDERS. AS IT'S EASY TO FORGET SOMETHING!**

Join the class WhatsApp for all parents to help with FAQs, general reminders & play dates.

Be prepared for how tired they'll be – especially in the first term!

Don't worry if they take some time to be confident enough to walk in on their own – they'll soon be running in without even saying goodbye!

Read often to your child & also support their reading as they learn.

At the beginning of the year you'll be given a diary of events. Keep it close by – it's like your school bible!

There isn't a choice each day for the school lunch – only if they are vegan/vegetarian. But the meals are lovely.

Hang on to shoeboxes, as there are often requests for these for crafting.

Try and set aside a couple of annual leave days for the assemblies, project viewings etc. that take place during the day. But not every parent can make every event. Don't worry if you have to miss one now and again – you won't be the only one!

Breakfast club drop off is at 7:45.  
Morning drop off is 8:35-8:45.

**YOU'LL GET A WEEKLY EMAIL WITH WHAT IS COMING UP IN THE WEEK AHEAD – KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR IT.**

The school is wonderful at handling allergies.

You can never buy too much uniform!  
Be prepared for tops etc. to get ruined.