



# Friends United



*Newsletter of the Friends of Herne Hill School, Issue no. 1, September 09*

## Welcome!

A warm welcome to new parents and carers joining the School, and to everybody returning for a new school year.

The Friends of Herne Hill School (FHHS) newsletter will be published two or three times a term. We will use it to give you diary dates and information relating to school life, as well as updating you on the progress of our fundraising efforts.

A member of the FHHS team will introduce themselves at next week's curriculum meetings - a chance for you to meet us and ask any questions you may have.

## What is the Friends of Herne Hill School?

The Friends of Herne Hill School (or 'FHHS') is the school's parent association.

Our primary aim is to enhance the social, fun side of school life for our children and their carers, while at the same time raising funds for our chosen charity, Khanya School in South Africa (see overleaf). We do not get involved in educational or curriculum matters. For these issues please contact Mrs Beales (Head Teacher).

We host a variety of social events throughout the course of the year including a Christmas Fair, Spring Event, a Summer Fair for the children as well as school coffee mornings and cake sales.

A large proportion (about 80%) of funds raised last year went to support Khanya School - but the Friends also contribute for Herne Hill school children - including Christmas presents and Easter Bunnies.

In addition last year we purchased a wigwam for the nature area in the playground. This was chosen by our Year 2 children as a leaving gift to their younger friends at the school.

The FHHS committee is made up of parent representatives from each class and we meet once or twice each term. Meetings are also attended by Mrs Beales, Mrs Irby (Deputy Head), and Dominik Magyar (Director).

Class reps are central to what makes our school such a friendly community. They play an important role in helping parents and carers to get to know each other by organising social events such as class coffee mornings and nights out. If you would like to get involved please contact Lucy or Rachel, the FHHS Co-Chairs (details overleaf).

## AUTUMN TERM DIARY DATES

2<sup>nd</sup> hand uniform sale,  
11th September

Macmillan Cancer Care  
Coffee Morning,  
25th September

Harvest Festival  
Coffee Morning,  
16th October

Christmas Fair,  
27th November

Collection for Khanya,  
7th-11th December

Christmas Service  
Coffee Morning  
and  
End of Term Cake Sale  
16th December

## KHANYA PRIMARY SCHOOL, CAPE TOWN, SA

We were introduced to Khanya via School Aid in 2005, and since that time the bond between our schools has gone from strength to strength. FHHS support to date has included sending books and stationery, helping to establish a new reception class, setting up a computer network with broadband, and purchasing a science kit and curriculum books for teachers. During the summer Linda Mahote (Deputy Principal, Khanya School) spent a wonderful month with us here at Herne Hill. At the end of last (academic) year the FHHS sent funds to, amongst other things, help Khanya set up a library and purchase sports and science equipment. Also the FHHS continues to run a bursary scheme where, annually, six of Khanya's most promising students are sponsored through senior school.

We have found that our own Herne Hill children benefit greatly from the link with Khanya, getting satisfaction from helping others as well as increasing their knowledge of the wider world and people less privileged than themselves.

More on Khanya in future issues..



**2nd hand uniform  
sale Friday, 11<sup>th</sup>  
September, 8:30**

The next second hand uniform sale will be held on Friday 11th September in the Church Hall, from 8:30 - 9:45 am.

If you have uniform to donate please either leave it with the office or contact Nina Harrison or Lucy Mortlock (2nd hand uniform co-ordinators) who can arrange collection (details below). Also, Nina and Lucy are always looking for volunteers, if you are able.



**Coffee for Macmillan  
Cancer Care, Friday,  
25<sup>th</sup> September, 8:30**

Please join us for coffee to support the "World's Biggest Coffee Morning" in aid of Macmillan Cancer Care, in the Church Hall, on Friday, September 25th, 8:30 - 10am.

This national event is one of the biggest charity events in the UK - last year raising over £7.5 million. Macmillan offers invaluable emotional, financial and practical support to people, and their families, living with cancer. We hope to see you there!

### FHHS Core Committee, 2009/10

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