

## Friends of High Spen Primary School (PTFA)

The friends of High Spen Primary School are a group of parents, carers and grandparents who work together to raise funds and provide fun events for the children of our school. We meet in the Annex, usually on a Friday morning to discuss upcoming events and ideas for fundraising.

The friends of High Spen Primary School has recently achieved charitable status, which allows us to claim 25% of any donations made to us by UK tax payers, without further cost to donors. You will find enclosed in this booklet a pull out page that explains how gift-aid works and allows you to register your details with us, which then enables us to claim back this valuable money.

We are always looking for new ideas for fundraising and suggestions for events that parents and children would like us to provide. If you would like offer suggestions for events or to join the PTFA, you would be made very welcome. To find out the date of the next meeting look out on the weekly school newsletter or on the PTFA section of the school website where our latest minutes are uploaded.

Alternatively you could pass on ideas via our parents' questionnaire also included in this booklet.

## Strawberry Teas

One of the main fundraising events of our year, the Strawberry Teas Summer Fair is always a great success. The children provide the entertainment while the PTFA provide stalls and refreshments.

Before the event we contact local businesses to request donations for the main raffle. We normally have great first prizes such as a TV. The PTFA make the raffle ticket books and distribute them to the children.

The Friday before Strawberry teas we hold a bring a bottle day where children can come into school in non-uniform clothes in exchange for a bottle. It can be anything from shampoo to champagne. These bottles are then used for the bottle stall at the fair.

We have a cake stall, tombola, books, DVDs, toy stall, bric-a-brac, and sometimes the children provide their own stalls such as a coconut shy or hook-a-duck.

Tea, coffee or juice is served inside along with a scone, cream and strawberries.

