



# wbjs hsa

## newsletter

OCT 2024

### WBJS HSA Events Calendar 2024

[dates may be subject to change]

#### NOVEMBER

- Thu 7th - YR5 Social 5 - 6:30pm
- Fri 8th - Non uniform day - Christmas fair chocolate tombola donations
- Fri 8th - WBJS HSA AGM & Christmas fair planning. 2pm Portello Lounge - upstairs
- Fri 22nd - Non uniform day - Christmas fair bottle tombola donations
- Thu 28th - YR6 Social 5 - 6:30pm

#### DECEMBER

- Sat 7th - Christmas Fair, 1 - 3pm, WBJS
- Fri 13th - Break the rules day
- Fri 13th - Community Sing

Dates  
at a glance..

## News

### Home School Association Overview

Hello and welcome to the first HSA newsletter of this academic year. After a successful few years, we're making a few changes to how the HSA operate but very much hope to still offer the same enrichment opportunities and events to the children, raising a little money for the school along the way.

Our wonderful HSA is run entirely by volunteers. That means that every fair, PJ party, disco or cake sale, every 'break the rules day', curry and quiz or tuck shop has been planned and delivered by parents and friends of the school.

A new era for the HSA means we need to look at a new way of organising ourselves and

**we need YOU to help us!**

For our new YR3 parents, hopefully you will see some familiar events from your Infant School days but we do work slightly differently. We aim to add all links to ticket sales, volunteer sign up sheets and payment information [here](https://linktr.ee/wbjs_hsa) [[https://linktr.ee/wbjs\\_hsa](https://linktr.ee/wbjs_hsa)].

Don't worry - you don't need to be on a committee, attend long meetings or give up a significant portion of your time.

We are looking for people who are prepared to take ownership of a SINGLE event in our HSA calendar, then deliver it, supported by the HSA team and school. Some events are more hands on than others, but if you can organise a kids birthday party or a family event you already possess the required skills.

Don't think you can commit to owning an event? We are also looking for a small army of volunteers to help at these events on an ad hoc basis, via the sign up sheets on the linktree.

We know that everyone is busy, but please consider if you can give a small amount of your time to ensure that these events go ahead. The hard truth of the matter is NO VOLUNTEERS MEANS NO EVENTS. Sorry, we know that is blunt, but this year we only have the ability to run the events which have a volunteer team in place. This may mean that some year groups miss out on certain events, if we can't find an event lead or volunteer team. We don't want this to happen. That's why we need you!

We know how much the kids enjoy the events run by the HSA, but volunteers also tell us how much they enjoy helping out - helping the kids make amazing memories of their time at juniors, and the opportunity to observe them in an environment that is otherwise off limits!

Please take a look at the calendar at the top of the newsletter and consider if you could help run any of these events, or talk to us about your own ideas. Contact [wbjs.hsa@gmail.com](mailto:wbjs.hsa@gmail.com), come to our AGM or speak to your class rep. We would be delighted to have you on board.

## **AGM - Friday 8th November, 2pm @ Portello Lounge, upstairs**

To enable the HSA to continue as a registered charity, we are hoping to evolve to become a PTFA - Parent, Teacher, Friends Association. This will allow us to appoint 'friends' of the school to the committee and fill our required trustee roles. To complete this process, we must hold an AGM where we will formally vote to change our constitution and elect the committee. All parent / carers are welcome to attend this meeting.

If you wish to view a copy of the proposed constitution or would like further information please contact us at [wbjs.hsa@gmail.com](mailto:wbjs.hsa@gmail.com).

We don't anticipate the formal AGM to take longer than 15-20 mins but will move onto to discuss the Christmas Fair aiming to be finished in time for school pick up. You're welcome to just attend for the AGM.

## **Class Reps - Class 3 and 7, we need you!**

We have been fortunate to have an incredible group of volunteers acting as class reps enabling us to communicate useful details outside of the more official newsletters and school communication. At the moment we're missing reps for Class 3 [YR3] and 7 [YR5] meaning these classes are not receiving the information.

As class rep there is no obligation to be involved in meetings or events, we simply ask that you are part of a specific WhatsApp group where we share messages which can then be communicated to your class.

If you feel you may be able to help please contact us at [wbjs.hsa@gmail.com](mailto:wbjs.hsa@gmail.com)

# Events

## YR5 / YR6 Socials

We trialed new social events for our YR5 and 6 children last year and they proved popular so we've pencilled in dates to run them after half term.

Tickets are £4 per child and include access to a film in the hall, table tennis, craft and board games [children are welcome to bring their own also]. We will have a tuck shop with drinks and snacks available too.

YR5 - Thursday 7th November, 5 - 6:30pm. Movie - Minions: Rise of Gru. Tickets available via Ticketsource [here](https://linktr.ee/wbjs_hsa) [https://linktr.ee/wbjs\_hsa]

YR6 - Thursday 28th November, 5 - 6:30pm - further details to follow

## Christmas fair - Save the date! Saturday 7th December, 1 - 3pm

Our annual mega Christmas event is fast approaching and we've shared key non-uniform dates at the top of this newsletter.

**Please note that the first is for chocolate on our first Friday back after half term.**

We will produce a full list of dates and need to know information for the event after half term.

## Thank you

Our first events of the year, **an after school tuck shop and YR3/YR4 PJ Party** were a big success and we'd like to thank our event co-ordinator, Emma and the many volunteers who helped ensure they ran smoothly. We raised an amazing £810 combined [£120 for the tuck shop and £690 for the PJ Party]. Thank you for your support!

## Fundraising

### ASDA - Cashpot for Schools

A big thank you to everyone who has signed up and selected our school for this initiative so far. Our total currently stands at £176.25 with 44 days left to go.

With each user who signs up and selects us earning £1 and 0.5% of each spend being donated, we stand to raise even more in this final 6 weeks. To find out more, please click the Asda link [here](https://linktr.ee/wbjs_hsa) [https://linktr.ee/wbjs\_hsa]

### Easyfundraising

In the busy online shopping days ahead of Christmas, if you'd like to support the school via your purchases, please consider signing up to Easyfundraising [here](https://linktr.ee/wbjs_hsa) [https://linktr.ee/wbjs\_hsa].

# contact us..

questions, ideas anything..



**For questions, feedback or any ideas please email [wbjs.hsa@gmail.com](mailto:wbjs.hsa@gmail.com), and we'll be in touch.**

**Our Facebook page is also now up and running. Find us at <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100089676911315>**

**We have also combined all our links centrally here:**

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|  | <p><b>WBJS HSA   Facebook</b></p> <p>A small but mighty group of parents / carers, staff &amp; childre...</p> <p><a href="https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100089676911315">linktr.ee</a></p> |
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