

Henham and Ugley Primary and Nursery School

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Dear Parents and carers,

Another week has whizzed by and we rounded off the week with both our A and B hockey teams playing St Thomas More Primary after school.

What a great first match both teams played, really supporting each other and coming together in their new team groups. Both matches were well fought and the finals scores were: A Team lost 1-0 and the B Team won 2-0. Well done to you all, I am so proud of you ☺

Parent Forum – The key focus of the forum was how parents want to help raise funds for the school but don't always know how to help. As you know, with limited funding, those 'extras' and sometimes much needed items, require us to fundraise, which our PSA work so hard at throughout the year, and which you all support so well. I talked about the Dragon fund, and it was mentioned that not many people know about it and a refresher would be useful...so here it is!

Dragon Fund: It is a newly formed charitable fund, set up by the school and its governors, in response to significant government funding cuts and the increasing financial pressures schools face.

The fund, so called after the legendary Henham Dragon and in keeping with the village magazine name, exists to enable donations, either as one-off or regular payments. The desire is to continue providing our pupils with the best possible education in this vibrant village school.

Money raised will help deliver important projects, services and materials which can no longer be paid for with government funding. It will also enable continued investment in, what we believe, are Henham's key differentiators in the local area. Specifically, and as a matter of priority, Henham & Ugley needs to;

- Refurbish the school toilets
- Install air conditioning in more classrooms
- Redevelop the outdoor area for Early Years
- Develop the school's media facilities, including create a media suite
- Improve fencing and signing around the school

The difference that any donation can make, however small, should not be underestimated. If every family with a child at the school contributed just £5 per month, over £4,000 of much needed funds would be raised each year.

How do I donate?

You can;

- **Make a one-off payment or set up a regular standing order from your bank account to the following account:**

Account Name: The Dragon Fund

Bank: National Westminster Bank

Sort Code: 60-02-36

Account Number: 67825966



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- **Donate by cash or cheque.** Please put it in a **sealed envelope addressed to The Dragon Fund** and hand in at the school office. All cheques should be made **payable to "The Dragon Fund"**. Donations will be collected and banked regularly.

Who looks after the money?

The Dragon Fund is overseen by a subset of our school governors and staff who act as trustees. They are accountable to the Governing Board in respect of money raised and decisions taken on how to allocate funds.

For more information, please see our website page <https://henhamugley.essex.sch.uk/the-dragon-fund/> or speak to myself or one of our governors.

Coming up next week...

Friday 31st January – Sports Hall Athletics, Year 5 and 6 am

Year 3 and 4 pm

Friday 31st January – Hockey Match, A Team 3.45pm vs Clavering

Have a wonderful weekend.

With best wishes,

Kim Hall,
Headteacher

