**Review September 2013 – August 2014**

Thank you and well done! We paid off the minibus this year.

Highlights of our fundraising year were:

Bag2school collection in November 2013

Cake stall on Ely Market in November 2013

Evening of Christmas Music and Carols (and Grand Christmas Draw) in December 2013

Easter Egg Bingo in March 2014

Bag2school in March 2014

Food stall at Three Counties Motor Show, Newmarket in June 2014

American Independence Day Celebration at US Feltwell in July 2014

Histon ‘Flaming June’ Half Marathon in June 2014

Summer Celebration evening of music and dance (and Grand Summer Draw) in July 2014

We had exceptionally generous donations from families of Highfield students. Parents Claire Mumford and Esther Harris supported events with their jewellery-making and culinary skills. They boosted our income and their stalls looked beautiful. Tanya Shenton ran the London Marathon, Jenny Woolner ran the Histon ‘Flaming June’ Half Marathon and Dave Nielson ran long-distance events in support of the school.

Thanks to our school Income Generator, Julia Hammond, we have enjoyed wonderful support from Lloyds Bank (with their match-funding scheme), the Pharma Mix Group (HFPA is their charity of the year), and service personnel from the American Air Bases of Lakenheath and Mildenhall (supporting dance in school).

We are increasingly successful with online giving. For sponsored events with many gifts, we set up pages with Virgin Money Giving (£2578.47). For single gifts we subscribe to British Telecom’s My Donate system (£97.92). Highfield Friends and Parents Association is a UK registered charity, so we can claim 25% Gift Aid on donations from UK taxpayers.

We paid the remaining instalment (£5,000) on the specially-adapted school minibus, paid for a Christmas gift for each student, supported Jane Tuck’s Christmas party for students and their families, and paid for refreshments at Sports Day.

Julia Hammond and Jane Tuck have been able to apply for grants which give only to UK registered charities. Grants from the Cambridge Community Foundation, Voluntary & Community Action, Ely Community Trust, Children’s Links and The Clothworkers have funded ADEC music sessions, summer holiday activities and sibling groups.

Having achieved our goal of paying for the minibus in July 2014, we have set ourselves a new target of buying iPads, tablets, apps and protective covers for all Key Stages.