



HEATHLANDS

PTA NEWS

February 2022

DATES TO REMEMBER

11th February 2022

Crazy Hair Day

14th – 18th February 2022

Half Term

3rd March 2022

World Book Day

15th March 2022

PTA Meeting

The Queens Head

19:30pm

Everyone Welcome

4th – 19th April 2022

Easter Holidays

28th May 2022

Heathlands Race Night

From 6pm

Tickets Available Soon

A warm welcome from Kielye, Jo, Kat, Misty, Derek and Helen

We hope you have had a great start to the New Year and welcome our new families who have joined our school community.

A big Thank You to those who joined our PTA meeting on 11th January, the minutes of which can be found on the school website under the 'Community' heading. Please join us at our next meeting in March. It's a great opportunity to put your ideas across and to find out how you can get involved.

Your PTA are very excited about the year ahead – we have some fabulous new initiatives, as well as many of our most popular events to come in 2022! Watch this space for more to come.

Ongoing Fundraising Information

Easy Fundraising

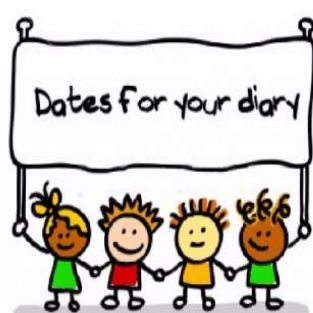


Please download this app. It's a free and simple way for schools to raise money simply by shopping online. You can shop from over 4,200 retailers, once you make your purchase, the retailers will make a small donation to Heathlands C of E Primary School PTA

Empties Please



Please send your used printer cartridges into school. In return 'Empties Please' will collect the cartridges and donate money raised straight back into our school.



January Pledges

£1,200

£1,000

£160

£120

£60

£60

£60

New Play Equipment

2nd Defibrillator for School Grounds

Visits from The Abbeygate Concert Band & A String Quartet

KS2 Tuck Shop

Early Years Chick Eggs & Chick Cam

Year 5 Garden Project

Times Tables Rock Stars

We are currently in discussions with funding a new sound system for the school hall. The current one has been in place for over 15 years, it is tired, out-dated and can't be used by pupils easily.

We are looking at ways to fundraise for this and are hoping the Race Night in May will go some way towards it. We welcome any further fundraising ideas or donations that would help to contribute toward this.

OTHER NEWS

Heathlands C of E Primary School have been selected for the Asda green token giving scheme. If we are lucky enough to win this amazing prize, Asda will donate £500 towards rejuvenating our Peaceful Paradise Garden which is looking rather tired.

This garden means so much to the school community so please go onto:

<https://www.asda.com/green-tokens/store?store=4681>

and vote for Heathlands. Please ask family, friends and neighbours to also vote. This really is an amazing prize.



WHAT IS A PTA?

A PTA (aka Friends group, Parents Association or something else) is an open and friendly group of parents and (depending on the type of group) teachers, extended family and members of the local community, working towards a common goal; supporting the education of the children at your school and strengthening the school community.

IT'S GREAT FOR THE KIDS (even if they don't realise it)

Studies show there's a direct link between parental involvement at school and how well children do. When they see us involved in their school and learning, it encourages them to do their best. Being active in a parent group not only improves your child's school, it makes you an excellent role model.



Parentikind
Member Association

Everyone's invited

Now that your child has started at school, you're automatically a member of the parent association. How involved you choose to become is up to you. If you're passionate about making a difference and want to be involved in running the association, you might want to consider joining the committee. If you have ideas to share or want to know more about the group, head along to the next meeting.

It's good for you

The PTA is a fast way to get to know other parents and school staff. Feeling part of a community is a very real human need – and more practically, these friendships create a support network. Chances are there will be opportunities for you to learn new skills, and who knows, you may even discover some hidden talents!

We all have something to offer

It doesn't matter how many children you have, how old you are, or what your background is; the skills that PTAs need are so diverse, everyone has something to offer. Of course, if you have book-keeping experience you could be a future treasurer, and anyone showing a creative flair might be asked to design a poster or two - but the most important skills you can bring to your PTA are enthusiasm and a willingness to get stuck in.

IT WON'T TAKE OVER YOUR LIFE (unless you want it to!)

There are always plenty of opportunities to volunteer for your PTA. Whether you work full-time, part-time, or you're a stay-at-home parent, any time you can offer will be welcomed. PTAs are involved in a huge range of activities, all with varying time commitments, so how much or how little you choose to get involved really is up to you.



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