



HEATHLANDS PTA NEWS



Hello and welcome to our first Heathlands PTA newsletter of 2022. We hope you had a fantastic Christmas and would like to wish you all a very Happy New Year.



Thank you to those who attended the AGM on 30th November 2021. A new committee has now been appointed:

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We are all excited and looking forward to organising events with your help and support so we can raise funds to be able to purchase all those little extras for our children that government funding does not allow for.



Jo



Kat



Kielye



Misty

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the previous committee for all their hard work and fundraising over the last four years.

Dates To Remember!

Next PTA Meeting

11th January 2022

The Queens Head 19:30pm

Child CPR Training Session

13th January 2022

16:30 – 17:30pm

Heathlands Primary School

February Half Term

Monday 14th – Friday 18th

Child CPR Training Session

24th February 2022

16:30 – 17:30pm

Heathlands Primary School

Funds Raised

Uniform Sales

£136.80

Sale Trail

£250.00

Funky Fireworks

£289.00

Hearty Heathlands Fayre

£713.50

Total £1389.30

Upcoming Events

Crazy Hair Day

Race Night

Chocolate Bingo

Summer Fayre

Can You Help?



Heathlands PTA would like to thank all those who have helped with fundraising so far. This year we are hoping you can help us again with our future fundraising events, it could be helping with a particular event, becoming one of our co-ordinators such as the raffle co-ordinator, maybe designing posters or advertising. Perhaps you own or work for a company and can donate prizes for raffles and other competitions. Any help, no matter how small, will always be appreciated.

We would love to know of any fundraising ideas you may have by either joining us at one of our PTA meetings, emailing us or catching us on the school run.

PTA SHED

Our school PTA shed is in desperate need of a complete refurbishment. We are looking for the following help:

- Volunteers for a weekend in January to help empty the shed and redesign/stock
- Do you know someone who can donate or offer discounted Skip hire for 2 days over a weekend?
- Donations of plastic boxes to store items on shelving

Please let us know if you can help in any way.



Pre-Loved Uniform Sale

There have been two uniform sales at St Marys church since September 2021. Thank you to Sue and all the other volunteers for giving up your time to help at these events and also to those who donated uniform. We raised a total of £136.80 of which every penny goes straight back into our school, providing our children with unique experiences, resources, and equipment that ordinarily they would go without.



Hearty Heathlands Fayre

We would like to say a great big thank you to everyone who donated and volunteered to help at our Christmas fayre, also to the teachers and office/admin staff whom without them this could not have gone ahead. It was also lovely to hear the school choir singing, you were all amazing.

Total raised £713.50

Congratulations

Isabelle Fitch – Winner of Christmas Poster Competition

Ellie-May Gilbertson – Winner of Bauble Competition



Fact from fiction

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.

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 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.

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.

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.



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