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PTFA Newsletter Spring Term 2022

Welcome to the PTFA spring newsletter! We wanted to give you an update on the wonderful events we have planned for your children this term and on our fundraising progress and goals. But first.....

Meet the team!

We have three official roles within the PTFA plus a wonderful team! We would love to welcome even more members so please join us at one of our meetings and see what we're all about! Any help/time no matter how big or small is gratefully received.

Rachael McGrath – PTFA Chair



“Hi, I’m Rachael and I have twins, Millie and Michael in Year 4. I’ve volunteered with the PTFA for 3 years now. Initially I got involved because a friend asked me to help out on an adhoc basis, only I quickly became aware that our school simply doesn’t have enough funds to provide the enhancements that add to our child’s educational experience. I felt passionately that raising money would directly improve school life for my own children. I’m aware of the stigma pertaining to the archetypal ‘PTFA Mum’, I hope I’m pretty much the antithesis of that stereotype! I just want my

children to have the best that school can offer – so I’m happy to try to facilitate that. It’s a lot of fun too, I’ve met some brilliant people through the PTFA. I hope we make the meetings welcoming and inclusive.

Work wise, after taking many years out; I’m now the Volunteer Manager at the Birth Trauma Association Charity, but my former professional life was working in the media. The twins keep me busy; but I love spending any spare time with my friends.

My three year stint as PTFA Chair is coming to an end in July, we’re hoping to recruit someone to step in at the earliest opportunity so that I can do a prolonged handover. We have lots of exciting events for the school and village community planned. If you are interested in the role please send an email to ahpsptfa@yahoo.com”.

Ian Hayes – PTFA Treasurer



“Hi, I’m Ian, the dad of Ethan in year 4 and Jacob in Reception. I am fairly new to the PTFA and joined in November 2021 adopting the role of Treasurer.

I haven’t always had the time to give to my sons’ school or PTFA while my boys have been in attendance, and when I saw this position come up, I saw it as the perfect opportunity to take my professional experience and skills from my career to give something back to the school.

I’ve met many great, like-minded individuals since I joined the PTFA at Ashton Hayes who all want the very best for our children during their primary school life”.

Hayley Martin – PTFA Secretary



“Hi, I’m Hayley and I have three children at the school in Years 6, 3 and 1. During my children’s time at Ashton Hayes I have helped at school events as and when time allowed (mainly ‘manning stalls’). This school year I was asked to think about an official role on the PTFA team and through this role I have had the opportunity to get to know a wonderful group of people. I have seen how much the PTFA’s support has benefitted my children over the years and I am enjoying the opportunity to contribute more this year. The PTFA meetings are a great way to meet other parents and whilst helping the school we also manage to have fun!”.

If you’d like to get more involved please get in touch via our Facebook page www.facebook.com/ashtonhayesptfa or email us at Ahpsptfa@yahoo.com

How does the money raised benefit the school?

The money raised by the PTFA goes towards providing those extra facilities and equipment (requested by the teaching staff) which the meagre school budget just doesn’t cover. Over recent years these have included items such as the Yurt, playground refurbishment, transport to school trips, iPads, laptops, books etc....

Our aim for 2022 is to enable the complete refurbishment of the children’s toilet block. Together with your continued help and support, we have managed to raise almost £20,000 towards the cost of this refurbishment. We hope that the work will be carried out this Summer and Mr Gilbert is currently in the process of organising this.

Our future aims are to refurbish the outside learning area for kestrels, to provide £50 per class per term for sundries, to buy new IT equipment and to cover any deficits for parents who are not in a financial position to pay for residential trips.

Rainbow Raffle

We would like to say a huge thank you for all of your rainbow raffle donations and to those of you who bought tickets for the raffle. We managed to raise £534.25! We hope the winners enjoyed their goodies over half term!



Upcoming Events

23rd/24th March – Children’s Art Workshop
30th March – Spring Afternoon Tea
31st March – Pre-loved Uniform Sale
Date to be rescheduled - Glow in the dark disco

We have lots more exciting events in the planning stages so watch this space!

Fundraising Thanks

We would like to thank Bev and Neil Gorman at The Goshawk for raising £82 for the PTFA via their pancake day event. Bev will also be hosting an art workshop with each class in school on 23rd/24th March. Each child will have the opportunity to make a Mother’s/Carer’s Day card to bring home.

Thank you to Dominika Sowinska for raising £305 in sponsorship for running the Mouldsworth Villages Half Marathon.

We would also like to thank Gemma Taylor for continuing to run our second hand uniform shop. You can find out more at www.facebook.com/ashtonhayespreloveduniforms

Amazon Smile

Just a reminder that you can still support our charity through the Amazon smile scheme. Simply go to <https://smile.amazon.co.uk> and select Ashton Hayes Primary School Parent Teacher Association. A percentage of what you spend will be donated by Amazon each time you shop!

Amazon wish list

Mr Gilbert is currently collating another Amazon wish list of equipment needed by the school. We are very grateful for any items purchased and donated.

Finally, we would just like to thank you all so much for your continued support of our wonderful school.

Many Thanks
Your PTFA Team