

# End of Year Newsletter

**July 2023** 



As the end of the school year has arrived, we wanted to let you know about the fantastic year of fundraising we have had and to give you some dates for your diary for the new school year.

Before we do, I just want to remind you all that earlier in the year we introduced class representatives to the PTA, namely:

Rachel Whitten - Foxes,
Zoe Mitcheson - Squirrels
Kerry Williams - Hares
Sarah McDougall - Hedgehogs
Sam Griffin - Wildcats
Claire Williams - Otters

We would like to take this opportunity to thank them all for the help and support they have provided as I am sure we would not have been able to run our events and activities without them.

With the new intake of children and parents, we will be looking for class representatives in the new classes, not to mention we are looking for parents that would be willing to join the PTA. We will be looking to fill the roles of Treasurer, Secretary and Chair so if anyone is interested, please email: huntsgrovepta@yahoo.com, or contact one of the committee members or class representatives.

#### This Years Activities

Our staple favourites proved popular again this year and we would like to thank all the parents, teachers and class representatives that helped make these events possible.

**SPOOKY & VALENTINES DISCO**. These events raised £600 and will remain part of the PTA activity calendar. Dates for next year are detailed under Future Activities

**CAULIFLOWER CARDS**. This raised £321.25 and are confirming with the company the collection dates for next term, so watch this space.

**BAGS2SCHOOL**: The bags2school collections managed to raise about £230 We will again be offering two collections next year so if you are having a good sort out before the new school year starts, please keep hold of any items that can be donated through BAGS2SCHOOL, and help us raise even more funds for the PTA. Collection dates will be announced when agreed.

NON-UNIFORM DAYS: Always popular with the children, the non-uniform days helped us raise £220 See Future Activities for next years dates.

FILM NIGHT: It was great to have this back on the calendar, raising £420 this year. It will return next year.



SPRING FETE & HARE HUNT: Undoubtedly the "Jewel in the Crown" event for the PTA, this years event was a great success. Despite the weather making things a little more difficult than we would have liked, we raised £1,415 so a massive thank you to everyone who volunteered, everyone who came to support the event and of course our sponsors of the Hare Hunt.



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**CHRISTMAS MARKET:** As mentioned in our Christmas Newsletter, this year we held our first Christmas Market in conjunction with Hunts Grove Parish Council, which was a great success raising over £900.

We have been asked by the Council to run this event again this year and believe they have already agreed with Santa that he will come and pay us another visit.

Further details will follow in due course but if you are interested in having a stall or would like to volunteer to help out, then please contact a member of the PTA team.



#### Future activities

We have a number of activities in mind for next year, so here are some dates for your diary:

Non-Uniform Day: Friday 29th September 2023

**AGM & Quiz:** This will be held on Tuesday 3rd October 2023, with last years winners 'the Rabbits' acting as quiz masters. So come along and join in the fun and feel free to bring a bottle, or two!!

Spooky Disco: Thursday 26th October 2023

Christmas Market: Saturday 9th December 2023 12pm - 4pm

Cauliflower Cards: Christmas cards collection date TBC

Bags 2 School: January 2024 and Spring 2024 (dates TBC)

Valentines Disco: Thursday 8th February 2024

**World Book Day**: Plans are underway for something fun. These haven't been confirmed yet but hopefully we will be able to give you more information in the coming months

**Sponsored Event:** Details to be confirmed but likely to be in the Spring 2024.

Non-Uniform Day: Friday 12th April 2024

Summer Fete and the Hunts Grove Hare Hunt: The date has been set for Saturday 18th May. Get this in your calendar now. The children will be asked to design our hares again, so watch out for a template coming home in the new year. Similar to the Christmas Market, if you would like to help or are a local business that would like a stall or even become a sponsor, then please get in touch.



## Supporting the school

As mentioned previously, the main objective of the PTA is to advance the education of pupils in the school in particular by developing effective relationships between the staff, parents and others associated with the school and engaging in activities or providing facilities or equipment which support the school and advance the education of the pupils.

We are delighted that our activities continue to do just that and in turn support the school with the development of the Forest School with the purchasing of the fencing and supplying a number of brightly coloured picnic tables, giving the children something to sit on during break.



## Goodbye YR6

We would like to wish all of Yr 6 a fond farewell and wish them all the very best when they start secondary school in September.

As a number of parents on the PTA have children in Yr 6, I am sure you will join us in sharing our thanks and appreciation to Mr Brown, Miss Hoskins, Mr Philcox and all the other teaching staff for everything they have done in preparing the children for the next big step (and of course the efforts made to produce the fantastic Matilda performance).



The PTA, and I am sure all of the other Yr 6 parents, would also like to pass on our thanks and gratitude to Kelly Sierra and Beth Brereton who have done a phenomenal job in raising funds and organising the leavers event, making Yr 6's last week a memorable one.

## Thank you.

On the theme of leavers, the committee would particularly like to thank two founding members, Rich Dawson and Rachel Gorton who are leaving this year, as their children are moving on to secondary school.

Special thanks to Rich who has volunteered so much of this his time supporting the efforts of the PTA over the last four years, and we are certain that we would not be where we are now without you. Thanks also to Helen Clegg who stepped down from the PTA in April after supporting the PTA for the last two years.

Finally, we would like to take this opportunity to say a big thank you to everyone who has continued to support the PTA's activities and we very much hope you have an enjoyable summer break.

See you all again in September

Hunts Grove PTA