

Huntley C of E Primary School PTFA AGM 2022/2023

Written by Heidi Walding, Chairperson.

AGM Date: Tuesday 18th July 2023, 7.30pm The Tew Tree, Longhope.

Welcome

Welcome everyone, thank you for attending the 2023 AGM.

Objectives:

The objectives of the PTFA are:

- to organise fundraising events and activities and to make these as much fun as possible
- to involve as many people as we can
- to provide additional financial support to enhance the learning of the children
- to access funding and grants on behalf of the school

Committee:

We have an elected committee who manage all aspects of the PTFA on a day to day basis. The current committee consists of:

- Chairperson – Heidi Walding
- Secretary – Ruth Credland
- Treasurer – Carl Garbett
- Teacher Representative – Ella Curtis (Head Teacher)
- Ordinary Committee members – Amy Cholefko, Jo Rich, Sian Ogden, Stef Brown, Adam Garbutt and Vicky Garbutt.

I am pleased to present the Chairperson's report for the Annual General Meeting. It has been a great year for our association, marked by numerous achievements, successful fundraising efforts, and a strong sense of community.

First and foremost, I would like to express my gratitude to each and every member of our PTFA team for their dedication and hard work throughout the year. I feel a special mention needs to go to Ruth Credland who stepped in to the breeches and took over all raffle prize coordination when I had to take a step back due to family circumstances. The raffle organising takes a huge amount of time, effort, so thank you for taking this off my hands! Without all of your tireless efforts, none of our accomplishments would have been possible. Your commitment to our mission is truly commendable.

Carl Garbett will detail the funds raised and spent in more detail in the Treasurers Report, but I am thrilled to announce that our fundraising initiatives have been extremely successful again this year, resulting in a profit of £9,305 raised. These funds have played a vital role in supporting various projects and activities throughout the year, such as the return of Founders' Day after a long break (due to Covid restrictions) and the Jubilee Tea Party. Both events worked well and I think we can safely say they were enjoyed by all who attended them.

In terms of spending, we have spent £11,305 in the last financial year. A significant portion of the funds were allocated to the new fence that separates the front carpark and the playground. The funding from this was a donation from a grandparent of Huntley School and was greatly appreciated. The old fence has become weak and had started to rot break in places. The second largest spend for us was the new planters in the playground, which all the children will enjoy over the coming years. Other purchases included trip subsidies and music lessons to name a few. These investments have directly impacted our school, enhancing the experiences of our children and establishing a more conducive learning environment.

We must not forget to extend our heartfelt appreciation to the teachers, staff and Governors who have supported us throughout the year. Their collaboration and partnership have been invaluable, allowing us to implement our initiatives effectively. We are fortunate to work along side such dedicated professionals.

Lastly, I would like to express my gratitude to the broader community for their continuous support. Our success relies heavily on the generosity and participation of parents, businesses, and individuals who recognize the importance of a strong partnership between the school and its community. Your contributions and support have made a significant difference in the lives of our pupils.

In conclusion, I am proud to say that this has been another outstanding year for our PTFA. Through the efforts of our committee, the financial support of our community, and the collaborative spirit of our teachers and staff, we have achieved great things. Let us carry this momentum forward, striving for even greater success in the future.

Chairperson's Transition Statement:

It is with mixed emotions that after six and a half years, I address you today as I confirm my departure from the position of Chairperson. It has been an honour and a privilege (and stressful at times) to lead the PTFA, but it has been wonderful to work alongside such dedicated individuals.

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce our new Chairperson, Stef Brown. Stef has been an active member of our PTFA and has shown immense dedication and passion for our mission. I am confident that under her leadership, the PTFA will continue to thrive and reach new heights. Please join me in warmly welcoming Stef into this role and offering her your full support.

As I reflect on my time as Chairperson, I am immensely proud of what we have accomplished together. Throughout the years, we have raised significant funds and organized successful events whilst creating some wonderful memories for the children, and made lasting improvements to our school community.

I have complete confidence in Stef's ability to lead the PTFA into the future. I encourage all members to extend their full support to her as she takes on this vital role. I have been working closely with Stef during the transition period to ensure a smooth transfer of responsibilities. Although I am stepping down as Chairperson, rest assured that I remain committed to the PTFA and its mission. I look forward to supporting Stef and continuing to contribute my time and skills in other capacities within the association.

Thank you all for your unwavering support over these past six and a half years. Chairing the PTFA has been an incredibly rewarding experience. I will cherish the memories and friendships I have made during my tenure and I am excited to see where Stef and the PTFA will take us in the years to come.

Heidi Walding
Outgoing Chairperson, PTFA