

Huntley C of E Primary School PTFA AGM 2021/2022

Written by Heidi Walding, Chair.

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Welcome:

Welcome everyone, thank you for attending the 2022 AGM. This AGM covers the financial year of 6th April 2021 to 5th April 2022.

Objectives:

The PTFA's purpose is to raise funds for the school enabling them to purchase resources that benefit all of the children equally. These resources are ordinarily things that the school would otherwise not be able to afford within their budget. This is largely achieved by running social events for children, whilst involving as many people as we can, and through accessing funding and grants on behalf of the school.

Committee:

As parents, grandparents, carers, teachers and TA's of the children of the school, we are all automatically members of the PTFA.

The PTFA is run by a committee of volunteers elected each year at the AGM. The AGM meeting is the only formal meeting of the year for the PTFA and deals with the formalities of committee elections, financial reviews and plans for the future.

Before we launch into these formalities, I would like to take a moment to acknowledge and thank the serving PTFA committee:

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

Through their hard work, dedication and commitment to the PTFA, we have continued to work towards our goals in supporting the school and enriching the education of our children.

I would also like to thank Naomi Mason for her support from the school office as we continually add to her already busy workload with our requests and ideas. It also goes without saying, a big thank you is also needed to the wider school community who support, sponsor, donate and contribute to our events throughout the year.

Since our last AGM, we have lost two ordinary members (Katherine Hawkins and Caroline Matthews) and Jo Rich has stepped down as Secretary but still remains an ordinary member of the team. Ruth Credland kindly offered herself for the position of Secretary and is so far doing a great job! I would like to thank all of them for their hard work, commitment and ideas during their time on the PTFA. We have also had the pleasure of two new members joining us, these being Sian Ogden and Stef Brown. They have already both brought new ideas and additional strengths to the PTFA and I would like to officially welcome them to the committee.

I would also like to take few moments to extend some thankyou's to those that have gone above and beyond throughout the last year to help us make a difference.

- Firstly, regardless of their role, thank you to all the members of the committee who, despite many other commitments such as full time jobs, children, husbands/wives, pets, family life, illnesses and many other things, they always manage to pull together and just make things work! This especially goes out to Ruth Credland and Carl Garbett as Official Committee Members, I know their PTFA work load is huge and without both of your efforts, running the PTFA would be a much more daunting task.
- Further to the committee, we would like to of course thank Mrs Curtis. The link she creates between school and the PTFA helps makes things run much more smoothly, thank you for your continued support.
- A very big thank you must be said to Yvonne Davey for her generous donation of £3,475 This was gratefully received and fully paid for the new fence in the playground.
- We have also received many generous donations from local businesses and individuals, who have all been individually thanked. It goes without saying, without all the PTFA helpers, who generously bake, man stalls, lend equipment, sponsor, donate and contribute, there would be a huge decrease in PTFA events and in turn – funds raised for the school.

Event Diary

Whilst our largest events were once again cancelled, it was fabulous getting back to some normality and being able to host some face to face events again. Carl Garbett, will provide a breakdown of funds raised in the Treasurer's Report, but here is an overview of the events organised over the last 12 months.

- **April/May/June** – Katherine Hawkins kindly held a virtual pamper evening showcasing Neals Yard products, we held a 'round pound' collection, second hand uniform sale and a Bag2School collection. In June we hosted 'Huntley on Sea' an idea that came from wanting to create something fun for the children that had missed out on their annual summer holidays to the beach due to Covid, so we bought the seaside to school! Leaf Creative kindly lent us props for the day including palm trees and a boat, we provided an ice cream van, seaside games, a giant deck chair, a bouncy castle, giant bubbles and lots of fun. The children came out in hour slots within their bubbles and it was a great hit with children and teachers alike! This was never meant to be a money making event, we just wanted to cover costs whilst providing a fun and memorable day for the children.
- **July/Sept** – July 2021 and we still couldn't host face to face events on a large scale which meant we were entering a second year without our biggest fundraiser Founders' Day. We did still manage to secure some good raffle prizes so went ahead with a remote raffle which raised £458. Not the amount we'd usually make on a Founders' Day but it definitely helped raise much needed funds.
- **October/November/December** – This term we offered a Movie Afternoon, a second hand uniform sale and a Halloween Disco at The Red Lion, Huntley. The Red Lion organised and hosted the party and kindly gave us 50% of ticket sales.

Christmas plays with a viewing audience were cancelled again which meant we couldn't offer our usual refreshments, but we did proceed with the luxury hamper raffle, ensuring time was left to quarantine the gifts before and after making up the hampers. The remote Wreath Kits worked really well again this year. Having done it the previous year we had learned a lot regarding the quantity of foliage required per kit and which items we needed to purchase so it was a lot easier creating the kits than in the previous year. Streamlining of the ordering process also meant there were no late requests.

- **January/February/March** – As usual January and February are normally quiet months. We held a cake sale in March, the year 6 children helped man the cake stalls and as a thank you we gave them some funds towards to upkeep of Jelly Bean and Snickers.
- Throughout the year, YourSchoolLottery tickets were sold making approximately £1,400 over the course of the year.

Funds Spent

Our Treasurer, Carl Garbett will detail specific projects and amounts spent, but to summarise we have paid for the following during the last financial year:

- Guinea Pigs 'Jelly Bean and Snickers' and their cage
- Lockdown Mural
- Decoration and refresh of all toilet facilities within the school
- Music Tuition
- CCTV covering the entrance to the school building and the playground.
- Road signs

Summary & Sign Off

I feel that considering we were restricted on events again this year, it was actually a great success. Not only have we managed to maintain a great income through hosting remote and virtual events, but a few large purchases have also been made which have all had a very beneficial impact to the children of Huntley School.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my time as Chairperson for the last 5 and a half years. It has given me a great sense of joy and achievement. Having said this, I feel that the time has come for me to move aside and let someone else take over the role to see what other directions the PTFA could be taken to. If needed, I will continue as Chair for the next 12 months (until the end of the academic year 2022/23) to ensure there is a smooth transition for the next person willing to step up. The core PTFA team is strong and well established and I know they will also help to guide and welcome whoever enters the position. A new Chairperson may well be elected this evening but if not, I will post a Job Description tomorrow and start the hunt for my replacement. In addition to the role of Chair, we are also looking for input and ideas from members new and old who are also willing to help implement them, and in so doing, support our school. If you have any suggestions, these can be made at PTFA meetings, by email, or by finding one of us at drop off and pick up.

Thank you, it's been a blast!