



What is the PTFA?

The PTFA (Parents', Teachers' & Friends' Association) is a charitable organisation that brings together parents, teachers and our local community to raise money and support our school.

What does the PTFA do?

The PTFA puts a on a range of activities throughout the academic year. The wider the range, the greater the chance we have of involving more people. Our aim is to:

- raise funds to help the school provide additional resources and extras for the children to enhance their experiences
- run social events for parents and children
- provide support for school trips and outings and other special events.



What have the PTFA funded in recent years?

- A £12,000 Adventure Trail
- iPads
- Cameras for every classroom
- The outside classroom in the corner of our woodland
- Year 6 Leavers' Trip – a chance to say thank you
- Playground markings for sports and activities
- The Border Oak Shelter – very welcome for parents and children alike
- A school trip or treat
- A contribution to transport for many class trips
- Books to restock our fantastic library
- Planters and tubs for the spiritual garden



What fundraising events take place?

We have a range of fund-raising events: a Winter/Christmas Fair, the Summer Fete and the annual 'manning the Charity Shop in Kington' (with contributions of second-hand goods from parents). Other events are discos, raffles, bake-offs, film clubs, bingo, quizzes, craft afternoons and much more!

Who decides how the money is spent?

The PTFA committee with the Headteacher and staff discuss the school's and children's needs for the coming year and then discuss ideas to raise the money needed.

What are we raising money for next?

- Developing the outside area for Class 1 children
- Purchasing additional equipment and resources for each class
- Support the school to enrich its curriculum through visits and visitors

Does the PTFA have a target to raise?

We try to raise enough to cover all the events mentioned above and more to cushion any last minute expenditure which might happen. Sometimes there is a significant target to reach which may take a few years to achieve – but we get there!

Are the meetings and AGM just for the Committee or can anyone attend?

The meetings are for anyone to attend: the more people – the increased range of ideas for fundraising and the more varied they are, the better. It also helps to share the workload. The PTFA seeks to elect parents to the posts of chair, vice chair, treasurer and secretary on an annual basis and support is always available.

Am I expected to help or contribute to every event/fundraiser?

We appreciate any help, donations and contributions from parents, teachers and friends – no matter how large or small. Just because you help on one occasion, doesn't mean you will be expected to help every time!

We hope you will get involved and help our charity which does great work for ALL our children!

Suzy Siddall & Grace Amos – Co-Chairs

Sofia Salmon – Treasurer Amy Williams – Secretary

Nancy Bancroft – Vice Chair

