



# Chair's Report to the AGM – 2023

## About the PTFA

The principal role of the PTFA (Parents, Teachers, Friends Association) at Newton Poppleford Primary School is to support the school and its children, particularly through fundraising activities, allowing the funding of school trips, classroom resources, and educational experiences. We also aim to provide community events that allow the children, parents, staff and wider community to come together to socialise and celebrate. All parents, carers, staff and governors from the school are automatically members, and other friends of the school can become members.

The PTFA is registered as a charity under the name “Newton Poppleford School Association” with charity number 1015155. The PTFA is run by a committee who are elected each year by PTFA members at the Annual General Meeting. The PTFA follows a model constitution provided by Parentkind.

We have been continuing our ongoing WhatsApp virtual meeting, which has proven very effective, with the reintroduction of face-to-face meetings alongside. Anyone who wishes to join the WhatsApp group should contact the Chair on 07909 798441. Regular PTFA meetings are held throughout the year and all members are invited to attend. The PTFA always welcomes suggestions for future activities and events and any significant expenditure must be voted on by the parents and teachers present at a PTFA meeting.

A new PTFA committee will be elected at the AGM on 19<sup>th</sup> October 2023, all parents and other PTFA members are encouraged to attend. Many thanks to Jon Leeson-Kings (Treasurer), Georgia Trengove (Secretary), and Henry Odbert (Deputy Chair) for their service on the committee during the 2022/23 year.

## From the Chair

This year has been an absolutely fantastic effort from the whole school community that has resulted in a brilliant fundraising total of almost **£9500**.

I am very proud of the PTFA team who made this total possible, it has been a challenging year for me on a personal level and without the heroic efforts of my PTFA colleagues many of the events we have enjoyed this year would simply not have happened, I am so grateful for your support.

I would not be able to organise the busy schedule of events and fundraisers that fill the school calendar without the incredible team I am so lucky to have. The committee; Georgia, Henry, Jon, and (retired committee member) Kate, have worked tirelessly behind the scenes and my gratitude is endless. That thanks is extended to the larger PTFA team and Class Reps who contribute to planning, organising, idea brainstorming, troubleshooting, making, baking, buying, wrapping, promoting, recruiting, raffle prize gathering and manning stalls. I am very grateful to all those who helped run our events, to the local businesses and organisations who support them and to everyone who takes part. This wonderful group of people volunteer their time, expertise and energy with a selfless community spirit, always with a smile and it is a pleasure to work with you all.



## PTFA Income during the year 2022/23

### Events

£520	Bonfire night BBQ
£217	Tropic party
£1086	Christmas fair
£315	Christmas cards
£335	Book fair
£588	Easter eggstravaganza
£2720	Summer fete
£200	Freezy Fridays/ice cream Friday
£27	Sports day refreshments
£1635	Class cake sales

### Passive Fundraising

£1446	School lottery
£181	Uniform shop
£83	Amazon Smile
£17	Giving Machine
£53	easyfundraising.com
£26	Clothing bank

We were delighted to work with Newton Poppleford & Harpford Parish Council again at the village bonfire night event. Many thanks to Sian Pond for organising a great fun Tropic Party in aid of the PTFA. Acknowledgment to Jody Hall's hard work in coordinating the Christmas Card artwork in school. Thank you to Gordon Legg of East Devon Ices for organising Ice Cream Friday. Thank you to Camille Harman and Anna Oldroyd for running the uniform shop. Huge thanks to those who have kindly donated their school lottery winnings to the PTFA, we have received four donations from winners this year. And thank you to all the class reps for organising their class bake sales.

Sadly, our clothing bank has been removed by the company who supplied it, due to a reduction on their routes, we are hoping to replace it soon. Unfortunately, Amazon Smile has ceased to operate this year, so we will no longer receive income from this source.



## Projects funded by the PTFA

The school have been gratefully spending all this hard earned cash on our children! This year the PTFA have funded;

- Preschool water play table
- Preschool visit from Chris Johnson animal encounters
- Preschool Boo To A Goose Theatre performance
- Reception classroom resources
- Reception trip to Dawlish Warren
- Reception and Year 1 trip to Paignton Zoo
- Year 1 trip to Brixham to visit the Golden Hind
- Year 2 trip to Budleigh beach
- Year 3 fossiling trip to Lyme Regis
- Year 3 Egyptian RAMM visit
- Year 3 visit from Stone Age historical storyteller
- Year 4 Sidmouth Science Festival workshop
- Year 4 Roman RAMM trip
- Year 4 visit from Ancient Greek historical storyteller
- Year 5 Escot Saxons trip
- Year 5 visit from Saxons historical storyteller
- Year 6 Cobbaton Combat Collection trip
- KS1 storyteller workshop
- KS2 artist visit and workshop
- KS2 Books to accompany author visit
- Preschool leavers gifts
- Year 6 leavers activities
- Christmas music event brass band
- Christmas crafting activities
- Theatre Alibi performance
- Kings Coronation picnic goodies
- DSLR and equipment for The Hive
- Books for the school library
- Spelling Frame subscription
- Staff recognition raffle prizes

## Thank you

I would like to say a heartfelt thank you to all the parents, school staff, and family members who have supported the PTFA. Our events could not happen without this wonderful team of volunteers and those who attend and engage with our events, helping to raise money and bringing the school and wider community together, ultimately benefitting our children during their school experience. The PTFA could not continue without your support.

Teri Murphy

PTFA Chair (2020-23)