

Newton Poppleford School Association (PTFA)

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Chair's Report to the AGM – 2021

Introduction

Another challenging year for the PTFA, due to the Coronavirus pandemic and resulting lockdowns and school closure, we were sadly unable to hold our 'Big Four' fundraisers (Bonfire Night, Christmas Fair, Easter Eggstravaganza, and Summer Fete) or any of our class cake sales. We look forward to the coming year now that restrictions have been lifted, so we can continue to support the school in the 2021/22 academic year. We are, however, proud of the PTFA's fundraising over the past year, with lots of Covid-safe activities, in line with government guidelines, that meant **the PTFA raised an amazing £7,781** for the school this year.

We managed to hold several fundraisers, including; Christmas hamper and Summer raffles, Halloween and Christmas trails, Easter and Bake-Off competitions, a sponsored walk, Christmas cards, a penny collection, a clothing collection, and a school lottery. These were organised and run by parents, teachers and children from the school. We are very grateful to all those who helped run these events, to the local businesses who supported them and to everyone who took part. In addition to these fundraisers we received £1,000 from a successful grant application.

We have been continuing our ongoing WhatsApp virtual meeting, which has proven very effective, and is ongoing. But we are looking forward to face to face meetings and events again this year! Anyone who wishes to join the WhatsApp group should contact the Chair on 07909 798441.

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 fund-raising activities, allowing the funding of school trips, classroom resources, and educational experiences. 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. 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.

The PTFA follows a model constitution provided by PTA-UK.

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PTFA Income during the year

£50 donation from Jill and Steve Smith at The Gardens Airbnb Many thanks for this generous donation from the sale of their chicken and ducks eggs.

£48 donation from Beauty Box Many thanks to Sian Pond for this generous donation from a promotion at the salon.

£120 donation from Steve Filer Huge thanks for this generous donation specifically to buy the trees for the fruit orchard next to the school allotment.

£100 donation A school family (who asked to remain anonymous) generously donated the membership fee for a whole school subscription to online learning tool Spelling Frame that children could use both at school and during home-schooling.

£50 from Terracycle Our ongoing crisp packet recycling scheme has successfully diverted 50kg of crisp packets from landfill, many thanks to Becky Turner for coordinating the donations.

£1,388 from Your School Lottery This amazing total includes many winners who have donated their winnings back to the PTFA, this is fantastic, thank you! If you've not yet bought tickets, it's easy to do at yourschoollottery.co.uk

£24 from Amazon Smile Our opportunity to gift to the PTFA every time you shop through Amazon, at no cost to the consumer. If you're not yet registered, it's easy to do through your Amazon account or at smile.amazon.co.uk

£6 from easyfundraising.com An online shopping portal allowing a percentage of purchases to be donated to the PTFA, at no cost to the consumer. If you're not yet registered, it's easy to do at easyfundraising.org.uk

£36 from The Giving Machine An online shopping portal allowing a percentage of purchases to be donated to the PTFA, at no cost to the consumer. If you're not yet registered, it's easy to do at thegivingmachine.co.uk

£177 from our Pumpkin Trail Our trail was held during October half term as an alternative to trick or treating during Covid restrictions, many thanks to Sian Pond for hosting the honesty box and trail sheets.

£336 from a Bag2School clothing collection This diverted over a tonne of clothing from landfill and was a fantastic amount!

£623 for Christmas Cards This was a huge success with great engagement from parents, many thanks to Jody Hall for coordinating the artwork and orders.

£450 from our Christmas Hamper Raffle Held remotely due to the cancellation of the Christmas Fair, huge thanks to the hamper wrapping team and everyone who donated hamper items, thanks to Mary Raffell for drawing the winners.

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£59 from our Christmas Bear Trail Our trail was open over the Christmas holidays, huge thanks to the residents of King Alfred's Way and Rebecca Burdus.

£160 from an Easter Egg sale We had a stash of Easter eggs donated for our Easter Eggtravaganza event, as this was cancelled we held a playground sale instead. Huge thanks to Kelly Abbot for donating the eggs.

£32 from our Easter Egg Decorating Competition Held during the Easter holidays, not a huge amount of uptake, but a fun activity for those who participated, with many thanks to Steve Filer for judging.

£1,303 from our Sponsored Walk Children challenged to walk, run, scoot, cycle, any way they choose, 3miles over the Easter holidays. As a class they each walked the equivalent of the Jurassic Coast Path and as a school they walked all the way from Lands End to John O'Groats! A huge success.

£107 from our Pennies2Pounds collection This was open for three weeks with each class collecting loose change in their classrooms, a brilliant amount.

£31 from The Great Newton Pop Kids Bake Off Competition Held during the May half term, another one that did not have a huge uptake, but great fun for those who participated. Many thanks to Sally Mortimer for judging and to Rebecca Burdus for donating the prizes.

£1,504 for our Grand Summer Raffle Held remotely due to the cancellation of our Summer Fete, this was a massive success. Enormous thanks to all the local businesses who contributed the brilliant prizes, it is testament to their community spirit that they were able to donate vouchers during these uncertain and worrying times. Special mention to Georgia Trengove for sourcing prizes.

£87 for a Plant Sale Plants donated for the cancelled Summer Fete were left in the playground with an honesty box, this was a brilliant amount raised, many thanks to Liza McLean for arranging the donated plants.

£90 from selling refreshments at the Y5/Y6 performance The PTFA sold drinks and ice lollies during this year's performance of 'Porridge'.

£1,000 Tesco Bags of Help Grant This grant was secured specifically to help pay for the new outdoor classroom in Adventure Island, allowing all weather, all year round use of the space. The total cost to be met with existing PTFA funds.

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Projects funded by the PTFA

The school have been gratefully spending all this hard earned cash on our children! We have funded;

- Loose parts play equipment (crates, ropes, planks, tarpaulins etc)
- Fifty new books for the library that promote cultural diversity
- Christmas crafting supplies for every class
- Whole school subscription to online learning tool Spelling Frame
- Y1 & Y2 school trip to the beach
- Y6 leavers activities
- Reception and preschool water bottles
- Theatre Alibi school visit
- Seating and pergola for the top playground
- Eight 'Buddy Benches'
- Zoned play area for KS1
- Sports mural and chalk boards
- Exmoor Challenge medals
- 30 trees from the Woodland Trust (free, but arranged by the PTFA)

Adventure Island Outdoor Classroom

We are delighted to have installed a brand new outdoor classroom in Adventure Island, a large wooden structure which will allow year round, all-weather use of the site. The outdoor classroom was funded through a £1,000 grant from Tesco Bags of Help together with existing PTFA funds and the Chair offers sincerest thanks to Mighty Oak Carpentry. It will be named in a ceremony later this term as 'Finley's Classroom'.

School Allotment

The PTFA arranged the funding and installation of the school allotment, which is now open for growing business! The chair would like to express her thanks to all the parents and staff who have given up their weekend time to build the allotment. The allotment project has been funded through grants, donations, and existing PTFA funds. With sincerest gratitude to the following; Newton Poppleford & Harpford Parish Council, Learning Through Nature, The Tool Shed, South West Water, Rowse Tree Surgery, Windsor Turf, HCT Turf, Rich Davey, Chris Davis, Stuart Vaughan and Adrian Ableson. Special mention to Steve Filer who has donated 'Mr Filer's Orchard', the collection of fruit trees on the allotment site.

Sensory garden

Progress on the sensory garden project has been hampered by further lockdowns and school closures. However, with funding now in place totalling £9,379, we are able to move forward with beginning building work, due to start this Autumn term! The chair offers sincere thanks to the following for their generous grants towards this project; E & J Hill Charitable Trust, Norman Family Charitable Trust, Gibbon Family Trust, and Waitrose Community Matters Fund.

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Buddy Benches

The PTFA have sourced and funded eight 'buddy benches' to be painted in rainbow colours and placed across the school site. We launched a 'sponsor a bench' campaign, inviting anyone to help us meet the cost of a bench and to have it dedicated with a plaque, this resulted in six of the eight benches being sponsored. Sadly, the company that we purchased the benches through has gone into liquidation, however we have begun the process to reclaim our money and also the process to purchase similar benches from another supplier. We hope to have the benches painted, dedicated and installed this term.

Kindly donated to the PTFA

We also received prizes from local businesses, helping us to raise funds from the school, the Chair would like to particularly mention the following local business (in no particular order): Chris Haigh Estate Agent, Looby's kitchen, Pride Hair Studio, Beauty Box, Woodbury Park, The Coastal Beauty Co, Exeter City Community Trust, The Outdoors Group, Sidmouth Pets, DW Fisheries, Wildwood Escot, Seaton Tramway, Bicton Park, Seaton Jurassic, Pecorama, Beer Quarry Caves, Radway Cinema, Jurassic Paddle Sports, The Blue Ball, The Balfour, The Dairy Shop, Southern Cross, Otterton Mill, The Bagel Shop, French Tacos, Rickshaw Express, Milsons Point Café, The Shawarma Stop, The Hideaway, Café Patisserie Glacerie, Lyme Bay Winery, The Donkey Sanctuary, and The Happy Self Journal.

PTFA Annual General Meeting (AGM)

A new PTFA committee will be elected at the AGM on 13th October 2021, all parents and other PTFA members are encouraged to attend. Many thanks to Jon Leeson-Kings (Treasurer), Kate Clemens (Secretary), and Henry Odbert (Deputy Chair) for their service on the committee during the 2020/21 year.

Thank you

I would like to say thank you to all the parents, school staff, and family members who have supported the PTFA – in many cases taking a leading role in organising fundraising events or running stalls. Our events could not happen without the support of a wonderful team of volunteers, helping to raise money and bringing the school and wider community together.

The PTFA could not continue without your support.

Teri Murphy
PTFA Chair (2020-21)