



## Newton Poppleford School Association (PTFA)

Newton Poppleford School, School Lane, Newton Poppleford, Sidmouth, Devon EX10 0EL  
Register Charity N<sup>o</sup>: 1015155



### **Newton Poppleford School Association: End of Year Report** *Chair's Report to the AGM*

#### **Introduction**

The past year has been a very successful one for the PTFA and the school, thanks mostly to the generosity of parents, carers, teachers and other volunteers. The four main fund-raising events were the BBQ for the Parish Council fireworks night, the Christmas Fair, the Quiz and Puddings Night and the Summer Fete. These were organised and run by parents and teachers from the school, and helped us raise nearly £2300 for the school. We are very grateful to all those who helped run these events, to the local businesses who supported them (listed at the end of this report) and to everyone who came along and took part. We are also grateful to the businesses who provided cash donations or equipment loans to the PTFA (also listed).

During the year we have encouraged teachers to help choose activities and equipment on which PTFA money can be spent. Expenditure has been a little lower than in previous years – this was prudent given the planned building work at the school and the possibility that additional funds may be required (e.g. in case additional equipment is needed in the new building).

Each class held a cake sale during the year, with cakes being provided by the children's families. The money from each cake sale is reserved for the children in that class, and any unspent money is carried over with the children into their next class.

#### **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. All parents, carers and teachers 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 parents, teachers and other members are invited to attend. The PTFA always welcomes suggestions for future activities and events, although 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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### The 2015-16 academic year

The principle events held during the year were as follows:

the BBQ for the parish council fireworks night (raised over £400 after subtracting costs of supplies used for later events);

the Christmas fair (which raised nearly £600);

the quiz and puddings night (raised nearly £300); and

the summer fete (raised nearly £1500).

As well as raising money, these events helped bring the school community together and were enjoyed by all.

Each class's cake sale raised over £100 for use by the class on equipment, activities or trips. The PTFA also paid for a performance of "Laika the Space Dog" by the English Touring Opera Company at the school (image at right). We also contributed towards travel costs for attending a singing workshop, water bottles for the Reception class and bought a marquee for events (which was used at the bonfire event).



Publicity photograph from the English Touring Opera Company

### The 2016-17 academic year

The current PTFA committee remains in place until the AGM, which will take place on 28th September 2016.

Two purchases were made in September 2016 under the current PTFA committee (both recommended by teachers):

- A visit by Theatre Alibi who performed a play based on the book "The Boy Who Climbed Into The Moon" that all classes have been studying.
- Fluorescent vests for children taking part on class trips.

On 28th September a new committee will need to be elected at the AGM. The new committee will be responsible for organising and advertising future PTFA meetings.

Over the coming year or two, PTFA funds maybe helpful for equipping the planned new school building (or perhaps helping to mitigate any disruption during the building work). We hope that parents will generously give both time and money to support the PTFA during this period.

### The Giving Machine

The Giving Machine is the only UK registered charity that helps organisations raise money through online shopping and has continued to yield a healthy income for the PTFA, increasing this year to **£61.60**. Please encourage friends and family to register with Newton Poppleford Primary School on the website: <https://www.thegivingmachine.co.uk/find-a-cause/>

### PTFA Annual General Meeting (AGM)

A new PTFA committee will be elected at the AGM on 28<sup>th</sup> September, at 8pm in the school library. All parents and other PTFA members are encouraged to attend.



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### Thankyou

I would like to say thank you to all the parents, teachers and family members who have supported the PTFA – in many cases taking a leading role in organising fundraising events or running stalls. The PTFA could not continue without your support.

### Prizes kindly donated to the PTFA

We received generous prizes from local businesses, helping us to raise funds from the school. We would like to particularly mention the following local business (in no particular order):

Gliddons Toyshop, Oak Tree Garage, Wellspring Acupuncture, Southern Cross Tea Rooms, The Cannon Inn, The Anchor Inn, The Chatterry, Rendezvous Restaurant, Winstone's Books, Paragon Books, The Ashleigh Bishop Gallery, Potburys, Polka, Gliddons Cooks Corner, Cornish Bakery, Country Bloomers, Flo & Us, Sidmouth Outdoors, Coles Gift shop, Sidmouth Print, Humbug, Sidmouth Gifts, Goviers of Sidmouth, Forever England, Coffee 1, Costa Coffee, Taste of Sidmouth, LeFroy Beauty Therapy, County Chiropractic

Many attractions in the South West donated free entrance tickets as raffle prizes, including: Seaton Jurassic, The Eden Project, Leisure East Devon (LED), Pecorama, Escot, Killerton House National Trust, Knightshayes National Trust

We also greatly appreciate the support of Greendale Farm Shop for their excellent cost-price food supplies, equipment loan and barbecue help. We would also like to thank AlFindlay.com for the generous loan of a PA system.

### Cash donations

The PTFA received some generous donations amounting to **£133.40** from local businesses for which we are extremely grateful.

Exeter Window Store	£	100.00
Core OffRoad Events Ltd		33.40
<b>Total</b>		<b>133.40</b>

Bob Tubbs  
(Chair)